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ON

CRIMINAL AND CIVIL JUSTICE

IN THE

HYDERABAD ASSIGNED DISTRICTS,

FOR

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To

THE SECRETARY FOR BERAR TO THE RESIDENT,

Hyderabad

DATED AKOLA, 30*th March* 1881.

SIR,

I HAVE the honour to submit my Report on the administration of Criminal and Civil Justice in the Hyderabad Assigned Districts during the year 1880, and to forward the prescribed returns and district reports for the information of the Resident

2. The district reports were received in my office on the dates below specified:—

		DATE OF RECEIPT	
		Criminal	Civil
1.	Ellichpur	31st Jan. 1880 ...	7th Feb. 1880.
2.	Amraoti	16th Feb. 1880 ...	16th „
3.	Wun	17th „ ...	31st Jan. 1880.
4.	Basim	19th „ ...	3rd Feb. 1880.
5.	Buldana	21st „ ...	26th „
6.	Akola	5th Mar. 1880 ..	25th „

The reports from the Small Cause Court Judges were received punctually as usual.

The criminal portion of the report was particularly late from the Akola District (20 days overdue), and has been the sole cause of some delay in the preparation of my own report

Tribunals.—Imperial Statement B-I

The Court superior to the Courts of the Magistrates has undergone no change.

The office of Judicial Commissioner was held by Lieutenant-Colonel Bushby during six months of the year, and for the other six months by myself

3. The following statement shows the effective strength of the magistracy at the close of the year —

Districts	Stipendiary Magistrates			Small Cause Court Judges	Civil Judges.	Special Magistrates.	Total for 1880.	Total for 1879
	1st class	2nd class	3rd class					
Akola	6	6	1	2	...	5	20	17
Buldana ...	2	3	...	..	...	1	6	10
Basim ...	1	2	2	...	...	3	8	12
Amraoti ...	3	6	3	1	...	4	17	19
Ellichpur ...	2	3	...	...	...	3	8	11
Wun ..	1	3	1	...	...	1	6	11
1880 ..	15	23	7	3	...	17	65	...
1879 ..	17	21	24	3	1	14	..	80

The differences may be explained thus.—

Mr. Kesheo Mahipat, Extra Assistant Commissioner, was shown last year as a Civil Judge only, but this officer having disposed of criminal work in addition, his name has been included with first class Magistrates. This will account for the decrease in the column "Civil Judges," as well as the increase of one under "Stipendiary Magistrates, 1st class." Major Laughton is on furlough. Mr. Nicholetts was on privilege leave at the close of the year, and Mr Kitts was employed on special duty. There has thus been a falling-off of three in the number of 1st class Magistrates.

There were two more Magistrates of the 2nd class as compared with 1879. This is owing to the following officers having been invested with increased powers during the year.—

Mr. Shapurji Virji, Tahsildar, Malkapur,
Mr. Parashram Ganesh, Tahsildar, Mehkar.

In column 7 there is an increase of three Special Magistrates, who were appointed during the year. The falling-off under 3rd class Magistrates is due to Naib-Tahsildars having been entirely relieved of magisterial duties during the first quarter of the year under report

The Report briefly notices the usual subjects in the following order —

CRIMINAL JUSTICE.

I.—Original jurisdiction—

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b.—Classification of offences.
c.—Result of trials.
d.—Agency for disposal of work.
e—Special jurisdiction.
f.—Original work of Judicial Commissioner's Court as Court of Session.
g.—Witnesses.

II.—Appellate jurisdiction of Judicial Commissioner's Sessions Court and of Magistrates

III.—Punishments.

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I.—Original Jurisdiction.

A.—General review of offences committed and brought to trial

4 The following comparative table shows for the province the number of cases reported and struck off the register of offences on the application of the police, as well as the cases and persons brought to trial during the past two years.—

Offences reported—Imperial Statement E.-II.

Nature of offences	Years	Offences reported	Offences struck off the register	Cases brought to trial.	Persons brought to trial
Cognizable	1879	14,678	3,013	8,195	11,742
	1880	14,245	2,217	8,670	12,413
Non-cognizable	1879	5,405	61	5,297	10,194
	1880	5,607	37	5,562	10,455
Total ...	1879	20,083	3,074	13,492	21,936
	1880	19,852	2,254	14,232	22,868

This table exhibits a net decrease on the whole of 231 offences, or 1·1 per cent., as compared with the year 1879. Taking districts, it is observed that in the following crime increased :—

Akola, Wun, and Ellichpur.

But these increases were counterbalanced by a decline in the other three districts. The principal increases and decreases under the more important heads of crime will be discussed below under their appropriate heading.

Offences struck off.

5. The following are the percentages of cases struck off in each district of the province as compared with the preceding year:—

	1879.		1880.
Akola	16·0	...	11·7
Buldana	21·2	...	21·8
Basim	20·2	...	12 7
Amraoti	10·6	...	6 3
Ellichpur	14 0	...	8·7
Wun	13·3	...	11·6

The number of cases, whether cognizable or non-cognizable, struck off the register on the application of the police shows a decrease. The Resident's instructions issued in 1879, directing that the Deputy Commissioner himself as District Magistrate should control the expunction of offences from the crime register, have doubtless contributed to this result.

The proportion is highest in the Buldana District, which is almost the same as last year. In connection with this the Deputy Commissioner, Buldana, has the following remarks·—

"Precautions were taken in according sanction to strike off cases during the year under report, and offences once reported and taken on the register were not allowed to be struck off, howsoever trivial their nature may have been, until the complainant's statements were rebutted in any of the three ways pointed out by the Commissioner, Hyderabad Assigned Districts, and summarized by the Resident in his Book Circular No. XIII. of 1879. Notwithstanding this the percentage of struck off cases is as high as ever."

The general percentage has also fallen by 3 per cent According to the Punjab Report for 1879, the percentage for that province was 1 3 only, the reason of this I have lately pointed out to the Resident as being, that, in the Punjab, following a more correct procedure, as I believe, than we do, offences are not registered which are manifestly malicious, absurd and untrue, while here such are registered first and expunged afterwards. The facts stated by me in para. 29-b of last year's Report on the mode in which offences are registered in this province, have, I believe, been admitted as correct by the Inspector General of Police, and I have lately suggested whether a change would not be advisable.

6 Not having the figures given in Statement A., Part I, appended to the Police Report for Berar for 1880, I am unable to say whether the proportion between cases investigated by the police to those admitted to have occurred has perceptibly fallen or not. If it has, then I think there must have been a more intelligent mode of working on the part of Magistrates of Districts and District Superintendents In the Punjab, I find, in 1878, that 95 per cent. of cases admitted to have occurred were investigated by the police "*suo motu*."

From this statement appended to the Police Report for the Central Provinces for 1877, I find that almost under every class of offence the number of offences investigated "*suo motu*" by the police exceeded the number admitted to have occurred. I am, therefore, unable to compare our figures with those arrived at in the Central Provinces, which would not, at first sight, appear to be very reliable, though there may be some explanation. I have no later Police Report than that for 1877.

Note —I have since seen the Reports for 1878 and 1879, and find the same thing, *viz*, more cases investigated by the police than are reported.

Offences admitted.

7. Offences of all kinds admitted to have occurred numbered 17,598, of which 68·5 per cent. were cognizable, and 31·5 per cent. were non-cognizable.

Cases brought to trial.

Of the offences admitted to have occurred 80·8 per cent. were brought to trial; the proportion in the case of cognizable offences being 72·0, in the case of non-cognizable 99·8 per cent.

Persons brought to trial.

The total number of persons brought to trial was 22,868 in the year under report, as compared with 21,936 in the preceding year. Of these 12,413 were tried for cognizable, and 10,455 for non-cognizable offences. The corresponding figures for 1879 were 11,742 and 10,194 respectively.

Arrests by Police.

Of the offences struck off the register, it appears that 84·8 per cent. were struck off before arrest by the police. The district percentages stand thus:—

Akola	79
Buldana	85
Basim	66
Amraoti	84
Ellichpur...	86
Wun	79

B.—*Classification of offences.*

Imperial Statement B.-II.

8. Imperial Statement B-II. gives in detail the number of offences committed and of the persons tried for each class of offences during the year.

Subjoined is an abstract comparing the offence in each class for the past two years:—

	1879.	1880.	Increase.	Decrease.
Class I.				
1. Against the State	...	...	...	...
2. Relating to coin, stamps, &c.	108	106	...	2
3. Against public justice	262	294	32	...
4. By public servants	67	66	...	1
5. False evidence	57	50	...	7
6. Public nuisances	3,461	4,280	819	...
7. Against the public peace	155	202	47	...
	4,110	4,998	898	10
			Net increase 888	
Class II.				
Offences against the person	4,409	4,513	104	...
Class III.				
Offences against property—				
1. With violence	1,677	1,560	...	117
2. Without violence	4,947	4,253	...	694
3. Malicious offences	834	1,108	274	...
	7,458	6,921	274	811
			Net decrease 537	
Class IV.				
Offences not included in the above	1,032	1,166	134	...
	17,009	17,598	1,410	821
			Net increase 589	

Offences against public justice.

Under the head of offences against public justice, the largest number of cases comes under omission to give information of offences and disobedience of lawful order, and chiefly belong to the latter class. The precise nature of the offence is not referred to in the district reports of Akola and Wun, where this class of offences is found to be on the increase; but it is hoped that the former practice of punishing village officers (which was stopped by this office Circular No. 11 of 1878) in cases of neglect and the like has not been revived.

Public nuisances.

9. Prosecutions for public nuisances have very largely increased in number, and this is due to the special action taken in two or three districts. In Akola alone the prosecutions have risen from 1,120 to 1,850. The Deputy Commissioner explains that "this is due to the appointment of two extra Special Magistrates, and to the steps taken to keep the river Morna clean, a duty performed by one of my 1st Class Magistrates."

The Deputy Commissioner, Basim, too, admits that in that district they were somewhat excessive, arising out of over-zeal on the part of the police. I have already stated my views on this subject in the Judicial Report for 1879.

On referring to the Police Reports of the Punjab and Central Provinces, I find that in the whole of the former province the prosecutions under this head are only five times as numerous as they are in the Akola District alone, while in the Central Provinces the figures are as 2,257 for the whole province to 1,850 for the Akola District. I fear that there has been more zeal than discretion displayed in the Akola District in enforcing sanitation and in endeavouring to keep the river clean. I trust that in future these objects will be attained without harassing the people and giving the police an opportunity, as I fear must have been the case during the year under report, of adding to their pay improperly.

Offences relating to public peace.

10. Offences relating to the public peace have increased slightly. No reference has been made to them in the district reports. Turning to the returns, however, I find that the largest number occurred in the Akola and Basim Districts, where there were 79 cases, involving 515 persons, out of a total of 165 cases, involving 1,000 persons, for the whole province.

Offences against the person.

Serious offences against the person have increased. The increase is chiefly under the heads of hurt and criminal intimidation or insult.

Malicious offences.

Malicious offences have increased; but the chief increase is under criminal and house trespass, most of the offences under which heads are really of a trifling character. There is, however, an increase of 28 offences under the more important head of serious mischief by fire. The chief increase has taken place in the Akola District. Major FitzGerald has offered the following remarks on the subject:—

"For the serious increase—32 cases of mischief by fire,—the only explanation I can think of is that the rain holding off so long increased the term during which this species of revenge could be taken by unsuccessful applicants for loans of grain or money, who were very numerous about June and July."

I do not know what grounds the Deputy Commissioner has for supposing that in his district people disappointed in obtaining loans of grain and money should revenge themselves upon the classes who make advances of this kind. Nor does he show that the sufferers from this kind of crime were of this particular class.

11. Mischief by poisoning or killing cattle shows a tendency to increase in the Amraoti and Ellichpur Districts. The nature of the cases in the latter district is thus described by the Deputy Commissioner:—

"The increase under mischief points, I regret, to an increase of cattle poisoning by Dhers for the sake of the animals' skins. However, we made vigorous war against the

Dhers; and to assist in checking this class of crime, as, I believe, we thoroughly did, not only were the sentences severe, but a circular was issued staying the appropriation by Dhers of the hides and horns of any cattle that died under suspicious circumstances till by chemical examination or otherwise we had assured ourselves that poisoning was not the cause of death."

Offences against special laws

The remaining offences, included under Class IV, were against special and local laws, and numbered 1,166 against 1,032. The increase is due to a larger number of prosecutions for offences against the abkari and forest laws.

12 The following comparative table shows the fluctuations in the more serious offences against person and property exhibited under Classes II. and III :

	1879.	1880.	Increase.	Decrease
Class II.				
Murder	26	25	...	1
Attempt to murder	12	8	...	4
Grievous hurt	43	49	6	...
Hurt by dangerous weapons	22	35	13	...
Kidnapping	12	7	...	5
Rape	15	20	5	...
Unnatural offences	4	4	...	.
	134	148	24	10
Class III.				
Dakaiti	23	27	4	...
Robbery	47	48	1	...
House-breaking	1,583	1,461	...	122
Theft . { Cattle	439	428	...	11
Theft . { Ordinary	4,042	3,462	...	580
Total ..	6,131	5,426	5	713
Grand Total ..	6,268	5,574	29	723

Offences against property.

The most noticeable feature in these tables is the large falling-off in offences against property with or without violence, which comprehend house-breaking and thefts. This decrease is pretty general, and amounts in the aggregate to 811 offences. This result is very much what might have been anticipated, as the year was marked by "abundant harvests and comparatively low prices."

Dakaiti

There have been 27 cases of dakaiti as compared with 23 in the previous year The Deputy Commissioner, Buldana, reports, regarding the cases in his district, "that the offences although coming under the head by the definition of the Penal Code, were many of a most petty nature, and not worthy of the name dakaiti." The Deputy Commissioner, Akola, has made similar remarks in respect to two out of four cases which occurred in his district.

Considering then that the type of dakaiti has been of a very mild character, and that there has been an increase of only four under this head, it is extremely satisfactory to find that under the heads of house-breaking, cattle thefts, and simple thefts there has been so large a decrease as 713 cases.

Offences committed by Banjaras.

13. Provincial Statements Nos. XIV. and XV. show that the number of offences committed by Banjaras is 237, against 235 in the previous year; and out of 619 persons brought to trial, convictions were obtained against 484 during the year. Of

the crimes perpetrated by them the largest number is, as usual, under thefts, (ordinary and of cattle) being 146.

In the Wun District the number of cases to every hundred of this class is 0·24, and the percentage of persons tried 0·61. Considering the large Banjara population there (29,162), these results show that they are very well conducted.

C.—*Result of Trials.*

The general result of criminal trials in the various tribunals of the province during the year is shown in Imperial Return B.-III.

Imperial Statement B.-III.

Details of disposal.

An abstract is here given showing the following results :—

Percentages of discharges, acquittals, and convictions in		1879.		1880.	
		Cases.	Persons.	Cases.	Persons.
Cognizable ...	Discharged or acquitted ...	20·2	26·8	19·8	26·7
	Convicted	77·9	71·1	78·8	71·4
Non-cognizable ...	Discharged or acquitted ...	54 8	62 3	54·9	62 7
	Convicted	44·6	36·9	44 5	36·7
Total ..	Discharged or acquitted ..	33·8	43 3	33·5	43·2
	Convicted	64·9	55·2	65 4	55·5

The above percentages compare favourably in cognizable cases for the year under report, while the proportion in non-cognizable cases exhibits no change. Comparing the district returns the lowest percentages in cognizable cases are found in the Amraoti and Buldana Districts. The best percentages were obtained in Basim (82 3) and Ellichpur (81·9).

Assaults, &c.

The following table shows prosecutions and convictions under the heads of hurt, assault, criminal intimidation and insult, by districts :—

	Hurt.		Assault		Intimidation or insult	
	Persons prosecuted.	Percentage of convictions.	Persons prosecuted.	Percentage of convictions	Persons prosecuted	Percentage of convictions
Akola	138	35	1,998	22	57	17
Buldana	141	40	264	22	18	5
Basim	82	56	322	27	35	26
Amraoti	123	52	2,077	26	40	30
Ellichpur	63	77	1,400	22	64	58
Wun	92	65	381	26	15	47
Total ...	639	50	6,421	24	229	33

The highest proportion of convictions in hurt cases was attained in Ellichpur with 77 per cent.

The percentages of convictions to the number of persons prosecuted, especially under the head of assaults, are anything but satisfactory, and tend to show that in the cognizable offences, hurt and intimidation, the police did not act discreetly in sending up the accused. The large percentage of persons discharged and acquitted in non-cognizable cases for 1879, *viz*, 62·3, attracted attention, and there is no improvement in this figure for the year under report. The subject, however, is not one that has been lost sight of. Circulars have issued more than once laying down how Magistrates are required to act in disposing of complaints

Acquittals in non-cognizable cases.

made to them, and pointing out that under Section 147, Criminal Procedure Code, full discretion is left to a Magistrate to dismiss a complaint if in his judgment there is *no* sufficient *ground* for proceeding. On this subject Major Szczepanski, the Deputy Commissioner, Wun, has lately made the following remarks, to the effect that "if a *prima facie* case of a criminal offence is made out, even although the civil suit would be the most convenient and appropriate remedy, a Magistrate is bound to issue a summons or a warrant as the case may require, and I have always understood that under such circumstances the Magistrate had no discretion in the matter." Without saying that I am able to concur entirely with the Deputy Commissioner in the above views for which he quotes a ruling, there is no doubt that great caution is needed on the part of Magistrates in too freely dismissing complaints; for where an offence is obviously made out, it is the Magistrate's duty to do all in his power to afford relief to the aggrieved party. And it has to be remembered that when a complainant seeks to obtain a summons against a party, he naturally states his case from his own point of view, and that till the other side is heard, it is difficult to say whether an offence has or has not been committed, or should not be enquired into.

Acquittals and discharges.

14. Of the 9,862 persons who are shown in the returns as acquitted and discharged, 7,204 were acquitted, and the rest were either discharged or the complaints against them were dismissed, withdrawn, or compounded.

Persons for trial.

The number of persons charged with offences before Magistrates during 1880 was 23,207, as compared with 22,333 in 1879. Details of the manner in which their attendance was secured are given in the following comparative table:—

In what manner.	1879.		1880.	
	Number	Percentage.	Number.	Percentage.
Under arrest by police	10,737	48·1	11,113	47·9
Under warrant	676	3·0	613	2·7
Upon summons	10,168	45·5	10,708	46·1
Voluntarily	258	1·2	277	1·2
By transfer	494	2·2	496	2·1
Total ..	22,333	100·0	23,207	100·0

I do not find that these figures call for comment.

General results of magisterial enquiries and trials.

Including 138 persons under trial at the end of 1879, there were 23,345 persons for disposal during the year. Of these 23,276, or 99 per cent., were disposed of, and the cases of 69 were pending when the year closed.

The following are details of disposal —

Committed or referred	218, or 0·9	per cent.
Convicted	12,688, or 54·5	do.
Acquitted	7,204, or 30·8	do.
Discharged...	2,658, or 11·7	do.
Died, escaped or transferred	508, or 2·1	do.
Total ...	23,276	

Pending file.

The heaviest pending file was in the Akola District, where 21 cases had not been disposed of out of 48, the whole number pending for the province at the close of the year.

69 persons were awaiting trial in the Magistrates' Courts at the close of the year. Of these 27 remained in the Akola District.

Average duration.

The average duration of cognizable cases disposed of in the Magistrate's Court, was 4·1, against 3 0 in the previous year. The highest average duration is 7 4 in Amraoti.

D.—*Agency for disposal of Criminal Work.*

15. Imperial Return B.-III. shows the general result of original criminal trials in the tribunals of various classes in the province.

Distribution of work.—Provincial Statement No. XVII.

The following statement shows in greater detail how the work has been distributed among the several Courts of districts for the last three years :—

	Cases disposed of.			Percentage.		
	1878.	1879.	1880.	1878.	1879.	1880.
6 Deputy Commissioners ...	425	611	529	3·4	4·5	3·6
14 Assistant Commissioners and Attachés ...	940	1,315	1,484	7·5	9·6	10·2
8 Extra Assistant Commissioners.	410	875	1,106	3·2	6 4	7 6
22 Tahsildars	4,768	5,554	7,379	37 9	40 5	51 4
19 Naib-Tahsildars	4 542	3,636	489	36 1	26·5	3 3
16 Special Magistrates ...	1,508	1,717	3,453	11·9	12 5	23·9

Cases disposed of by Magistrates of districts.

The subjoined table shows the number of cases disposed of by Deputy Commissioners :—

Districts.	Cases disposed of by Deputy Commissioners.		
	Summarily.	Otherwise.	Total.
Akola	13	96	109
Buldana	11	87	98
Basim	10	59	69
Amraoti	1	109	110
Ellichpur	10	63	73
Wun	4	66	70

The number of cases tried by Deputy Commissioners (including those under Section 36, Criminal Procedure Code) has been 529, against 611 in 1879, or 82 below the number last year. As compared with other provinces, the work performed by them stands thus :—

	Percentage.
Cases disposed of by Deputy Commissioners in the Hyderabad Assigned Districts	3·6
Do. Punjab 1879	4·9
Do. Central Provinces in 1879 ...	8·1

It was pointed out in the Reports for 1878 and 1879 that the Deputy Commissioners of Wun and Basim might be expected to dispose of more cases. There has been a steady increase in the criminal case work of the Deputy Commissioner, Wun District, *viz.* 70, during the year under Report, as compared with 62 in 1879, and 40 in 1878; but the figures tabled above show that the Deputy Commissioner, Basim, has again decided the smallest number of cases among the Deputy Commissioners in the province.

Work performed by Assistant and Extra Assistant Commissioners

The proportion disposed of by Assistant and Extra Assistant Commissioners taken together has advanced by nearly 2 per cent

51 per cent of the criminal work of the year, it will be observed, fell upon Tahsildars; the average number of cases tried by each Tahsildar being 330. In the Punjab the provincial average for 1879 was 186 But there are many districts in the Punjab in which the number of cases tried by Tahsildars very much exceeds the number tried by the same class of officers in Berar

Work done by Tahsildars

16 The cause of this increase of criminal work done by Tahsildars is due to Naib-Tahsildars having been entirely relieved of magisterial duties during the year; the work shown above as being done by this grade of officer having been done within the first few months of 1880, before the notification appeared withdrawing their powers The appointment of more Special Magistrates during the year relieved Tahsildars somewhat; and in the current year it will certainly be shown that Tahsildars have been still further relieved of criminal work, of which a large portion will be disposed of by the Special Magistracy.

By Naib Tahsildars

By Special Magistrates

Special Magistrates disposed of almost double the number of cases which they took up last year The undermentioned gentlemen have rendered most assistance during the year.—

Districts	Name	Number of cases disposed of.
Ellichpur .	Rao Bahadur Bhagwant Narhar	431
Amraoti ...	Mr Fateh Ali	362
Ellichpur ...	„ Narayan Keskar	335
Akola ..	„ Maroti Kadtaji	314
Ellichpur .	„ Bhagwant Shankarrao	303
Buldana ..	„ Khwaja Badr-ud Din	255
Amraoti ...	„ Syad Nasr-ud Din	249
Akola ...	„ Auchutrao	223

17 Regarding the Special Magistrates in the Amraoti District, Major Bullock writes·—

"The experiment of giving plenty of work to Special Magistrates is being thoroughly tried in this district. Their work is fairly done, but their want of legal training makes them lean to a considerable extent on their karkuns.

"While all of them are men of reliable character and average family, I think some of them are wanting in the strength of character which often stands in the place of much legal training"

As far as I myself have seen of their work, I am satisfied that they are quite as competent to exercise the magisterial powers with which they have been invested as were the Naib-Tahsildars whose place they have really taken, and so long as they are carefully selected from men of average good family and reliable character, as the Deputy Commissioner, Amraoti, admits they are in his district, I think we may safely trust them in the future It is possible that some of them may need guidance and advice lest their zeal should outrun their discretion, but this can and will always be given by District Magistrates who sympathise with them I would ask that some special mark of approbation may be conferred by the Local Government on the Special Magistrates named in the margin * This matter, which has, I think, been somewhat overlooked, was brought to my notice very strongly by a Deputy Commissioner during my late tour, and

* 1 Khawja Badr-ud Din
2 Syed Fateh Ali
3 Maroti Kadtaji.

I think I understood orally from the Commissioner that he had taken the matter up In the year under report the Special Magistracy was recruited by the appointment of the following gentlemen :—

1. Mr. Narayan Keskar.
2 „ Malharrao.
3. „ Auchutrao.

Work performed by European and Native agency

Of the total number of cases disposed of by Magistrates, 14 3 per cent. was disposed of by European, and 85·7 per cent. by Native agency Last year the percentages were 12· and 88 per cent., respectively.

E.—*Special Jurisdiction.*

18. Deputy Commissioners disposed of 158 cases in the exercise of their powers under Section 36, Criminal Procedure Code, as compared with 148 in the previous year

The number of cases disposed of in each district was as follows:—

Akola	...	...	...	24
Buldana	...	...	...	26
Basim	...	...	...	30
Amraoti	..	...	...	39
Ellichpur	..	...	...	21
Wun	...	...	...	18

The Deputy Commissioner, Amraoti, would appear to have used this power most freely.

The number of persons who were disposed of under the provisions of the section above referred to was 324 . of these 182, or 56·2 per cent , were convicted, and 142, or 43 8 per cent , were acquitted and discharged. The sentences of 67 persons exceeded three years, and were referred to the Judicial Commissioner for confirmation. The sentence passed on one person was modified (by the Judicial Commissioner), and that of another revised by the Resident as High Court

The percentages of acquittals and discharges are shown in the following table :—

Districts	Number of persons disposed of.	Number acquitted and discharged	Percentage
Akola	66	45	68 1
Buldana	62	28	45·1
Basim	56	8	14·2
Amraoti	62	29	46·7
Ellichpur	36	20	55·3
Wun	42	12	28·5

The general percentage has risen from 42·1 in 1879 to 43·8 in 1880 The percentage of acquittals, in Akola especially, and in a lesser degree in Buldana, Amraoti, and Ellichpur, is above the general average. Some explanation should have been afforded by the Deputy Commissioner, Akola, as to the cause of 68 per cent of persons brought before him under Section 36, Criminal Procedure Code, being acquitted or discharged.

19. The following table gives a detail of the persons disposed of on summary trial under Chapter XVIII., Criminal Procedure Code :—

Districts.	Summary Jurisdiction.		
	Persons.		Total cases disposed of.
	Acquitted, discharged, &c.	Convicted	
Akola	191	449	575
Buldana	26	195	107
Basim	19	155	92
Amraoti	5	45	40
Ellichpur	66	123	111
Wun	9	82	47

The number of cases tried summarily has risen by 198. This is the natural result of the large increase during the year in petty crimes.

Summary trial.

The number of cases disposed of on summary trial by Deputy Commissioners has been shown under the head " Agency for disposal of criminal work."

These powers of summary trial were exercised by the following 1st Class Magistrates :—

Akola District .. { Mr. Dunlop, „ Knowlys., „ Davies., „ Hare., „ Kesheo Mahipat.
Buldana District .. { „ Purshotamrao., Major Thompson.
Basim District ... Mr. Bapuji Rangnath.
Amraoti District .. { „ Shrikrishna., „ Nicholetts.
Ellichpur District ... Major Bennick.
Wun District ... Mr. Elliott.

F.—*Original work of the Judicial Commissioner's Court as Court of Session.*

Provincial Statement No. XIX.—Details of disposals.

20. The subjoined statement gives particulars regarding the original work by the Sessions Court during the year. The general results of 1879 are added for comparison :—

	Persons for disposal, including pending from last year.	Decided.			
		Convicted and sentenced to death.	Convicted and sentenced to transportation.	Convicted and sentenced otherwise.	Acquitted, died, &c.
1879	43	2	18	8	15
1880	38	1	13	6	18

Of persons committed for trial from the Buldana District 23 per cent. only were convicted, against 92·9 in 1879.

Of persons committed by the Magistrates of the Amraoti District 26 per cent. were convicted, against 40 per cent. in the previous year. In the Wun District the highest percentage was obtained, every person committed from thence having been convicted.

Punishments awarded

Of the 13 persons sentenced to transportation, six were sentenced to be hanged; but the sentence was commuted by the High Court to transportation for life.

Offences for which committed

Of the 22 cases disposed of, 18 were for murder and abetment of murder, three for culpable homicide, and one for theft.

Average duration.

21. The average duration of sessions trials for the province reckoned from date of commitment to date of final order is 34 days, against 43 in the preceding year The duration of sessions trials necessarily depends very much upon the time of committal. If a committal is made shortly after a sessions has closed, the accused may have to wait three months before the next sessions, but I always try to make the period of detention for accused as short as possible.

Pending cases.

Five cases, in which 32 persons were involved, remained pending at the close of the year. The oldest pending case was committed for trial on the 29th September 1880. The case was decided after the close of the year.

22. With the exception of three cases, these trials were, as in former years, held with the aid of assessors. In 17 cases of the 22 disposed of, the Court agreed with, and in 2 it dissented from, their verdict. The Government Prosecutor conducted the prosecution in all cases decided.

G.—*Witnesses.*

Witnesses —Provincial Statement No XX

23 The subjoined table compares the detention of witnesses in District Courts for the years 1879 and 1880.—

	1879.		1880.	
	Number	Percentage.	Number.	Percentage.
Discharged after 1 day's attendance ...	34,370	80·9	36,545	79·8
Do. on the 2nd day ...	5,756	13·6	6,723	14 7
Do. on the 3rd day ..	1,629	3·8	1,504	3·3
Detained for more than 3 days	708	1·7	989	2 2
	42,463	100·0	45,761	100·0

The total number of witnesses who attended Criminal Courts during the year was 45,863. Of this number 45,761 attended in District Courts, and the remainder in the Court of Sessions.

The result is rather retrogressive, but the number of witnesses who attended Magistrate's Courts was in excess of the number last year

The worst result is shown in Buldana, as in former years, where the number of witnesses detained beyond three days and up to one month was larger than in any other district in the province.

In Akola also witnesses were detained longer than in some other districts, and no reason is assigned for the detention.

From the explanations furnished by District Officers generally, the delays do not appear to have been in all cases unavoidable.

II.—Appellate Jurisdiction of the Judicial Commissioner's Sessions Court and of Magistrates.

Imperial Return B.-V.

24. Imperial Return B.-V. showing the general result of appeal and revision in criminal cases in the province during the year.

Appeals to Deputy Commissioners.

Including the pending files of the previous year, there were 227 cases of appeal, involving 403 persons, for disposal from the orders of all Magistrates. Of these, 159 cases, affecting 302 persons, were disposed of during the year by District Appellate Courts. There were thus 8 cases and 24 persons awaiting disposal at the end of the year in the Amraoti District.

Appeals disposed of.

The statement annexed affords some details of disposal:—

	Appeals rejected.		Sentences confirmed.		Sentences modified.		Reversed.		Proceedings quashed.		Referred to High Court for revision.	
	No. of persons.	Percentage.	No. of persons.	Percentage.	No. of persons.	Percentage.	No. of persons.	Percentage	No. of persons.	Percentage.	No. of persons.	Percentage.
Courts of Magistrates of Districts	31	10·3	121	40·1	59	19·6	82	27·2	6	1·9	3	0·9
Court of the Judicial Commissioner, Hyderabad Assigned Districts	26	37·2	10	14·2	5	7·2	18	25·7	..	...	11	15·7

Appeals rejected.

Sentences confirmed.

The percentage of appeals rejected has risen from 8·2 to 10·3 per cent., but the power of rejection is still sparingly used. In Akola, Basim, and Wun it was not used at all. On the other hand, the percentages of sentences confirmed is 11 per cent. lower. This is not an improvement on last year.

Average duration.

Appeals in District Courts required an average of 12 days for decision. The average was rather high in the following districts:—

Basim	...	...	...	20 days.
Amraoti	...	...	...	13 days.

Appeals to Judicial Commissioner.

The number of persons who appealed to the Judicial Commissioner has decreased from 69 to 60 in the year under report. Of these appeals 37·2 per cent. were rejected at first hearing, while the percentage of appellants whose sentences were reversed has risen from 12·6 in 1879 to 25·7 in 1880.

Average duration in Court of Session.

The average duration of appeals in the Court of Session is 27 days, or 10 days more than in the preceding year.

III.—Punishments.

Imperial Statement No. B.-IV.—Persons punished.

25. Imperial Return B.-IV. shows the punishments inflicted by the various criminal tribunals during the year.

The following table compares the kinds of punishment inflicted by all Courts together for the year 1880 as compared with the year 1879:—

Description of punishment.		1879.		1880.	
		Number.	Percentage to total punished.	Number.	Percentage to total punished.
Whipping ...	In addition to other punishment ...	77	0·6	65	0·5
	In lieu of other punishment ...	710	5 9	723	5·8
	Total ..	787	6·5	788	6·3
Fine ...	With imprisonment	1,085	9 0	886	7·0
	Without imprisonment	7,889	65·5	8,914	70·7
	Total ..	8,974	74·5	9,800	77·7
Imprisonment ...	(*a.*) Simple	124	1·0	142	1·1
	(*b.*) Rigorous, with solitary confinement	109	0·9	156	1·2
	Do., without do. ...	2,029	16 9	1,706	13·6
	Total ...	2,262	18 8	2,004	15·9
Transportation ..	For a term	2	0·0	...	...
	For life	17	0·2	13	0·1
	Total ...	19	0·2	13	0·1
Death		2	0 0	1	0·0
Total punished		12,044	...	12,606	...

Net result.

The net result is that there has been more fining (without imprisonment) and less imprisoning than in the previous year, a result which might have been anticipated from the figures given under the heading "Classification of offences" The offences which increased most are nuisances and offences against special laws, *i. e.*, in the class of cases in which fine is generally the most suitable penalty, whilst there has been a decrease in house-breaking and thefts.

The following table gives details by districts in respect of fine, imprisonment, and whipping:—

Districts.	Total number punished by imprisonment fine and whipping	Imprisonment								Fine						Whipping					
		With solitary confinement.		Without solitary confinement		Simple		Total.		With imprisonment		Without imprisonment		Total		In addition to other punishment		In lieu of other punishment		Total	
		Number	Percentage	Number	Percentage	Number	Percentage	Number	Percentage	Number	Percentage	Number	Percentage	Number	Percentage	Number	Percentage	Number	Percentage	Number	Percentage
Akola	4,238	47	1 1	473	11 2	23	5	543	12 8	212	5 0	3,374	79 6	3 586	84 6	18	·4	91	2 2	109	2·6
Buldana ...	1,254	78	6 2	164	13 1	49	3 9	291	23 2	77	6 1	751	59 9	828	66 0	6	0 5	129	10 3	135	10·8
Basim	1,518	8	0 5	312	20 6	24	1 6	344	22 7	149	0 8	919	60 5	1,068	70 3	12	0 8	94	6 2	106	7·0
Amraoti ...	2,693	17	0 7	289	10 7	26	1 0	332	12 4	213	7 9	1 991	73 9	2,204	81 8	3	0 1	154	5 7	157	5·8
Ellichpur .	1,502	..	0 0	189	12 6	7	0·5	196	13 1	134	8 9	1,042	69 4	1,176	78 3	13	0 8	117	7 8	130	8 6
Wun	1,381	6	0 5	373	19 8	13	0 9	292	21 2	101	7 3	837	60 6	938	67 9	13	0·9	138	10 0	151	10·9
Total	12,586	156	1 3	1,700	13 5	142	1 1	1,908	15 9	886	7 0	8,914	70 8	9,800	77 8	65	0 5	723	5 8	788	6 3

This table exhibits considerable varieties between different districts in the mode of punishment adopted.

In Akola sentences of fine constitute 84·6 per cent. of all sentences inflicted, whilst in Buldana they fall as low as 66·0, the provincial average being 77·8. In Akola, however, this may be explained by the preponderance of prosecutions for nuisances But the percentage of sentences of fine is high in the Amraoti (81 8) and Ellichpur Districts (78 3), also where there was a falling-off in such cases. So, too, sentences of whipping appear to be too few in Akola (2·6), Amraoti (5 8), and Basim (7·0). No reason is assigned for these low figures, which ought to have been noticed at least in the Akola District report.

Fine

Whipping.

The proportion of sentences of imprisonment has decreased by 3 per cent. of the total sentences. This is, of course, to be attributed to the decrease in the number of offences against property.

Imprisonment.

Generally, the results of the year may be said to be fairly satisfactory. A marked increa e in a special class of offence has been followed by a proportionate increase in the punishment which is most appropriate to that class.

26 The following table compares the degrees in which punishments of imprisonment, whipping, and fine were inflicted by all Courts taken together during 1879 and 1880 :—

Degree of punishment.	1879.		1880.	
	Persons.	Per-centages	Persons	Per-centages.
Imprisonment for period not exceeding 15 days ...	962	28·0	953	32 2
Do. exceeding 15 days but not exceeding 6 months	1,927	56 2	1,464	49 5
Do. exceeding 6 months do. 2 years ..	431	12·6	414	14·0
Do. exceeding 2 years do. 7 years	111	3 2	127	4 3
Do. for above seven years	...	...	...	...
Total ..	3,431	100·0	2,958	100·0
Imprisoned only	2,269	66·1	2,007	67 9
Do., with fine	1,085	31·6	886	29·9
Do., with whipping	77	2·3	65	2·2
Total ...	3,431	100 0	2,958	100·0
Whipping, 10 stripes and under	131	16·6	167	21·0
Do., 11 to 20 stripes	395	50·2	395	49 6
Do., 20 to 30 do.	261	33·2	234	29·4
Total ...	787	100·0	796	100·0
Fines, Rupees 10 and under	7,594	84·5	8,184	83 4
Do., „ 11 to Rupees 50	1,239	13·8	1,424	14·5
Do., „ 51 do. 100	97	1·1	155	1 6
Do., „ 101 do. 500	54	0·6	49	0·5
Do., „ 501 do. 1,000	3	...	4	..
Above Rupees 1,000	...	...	2	..
Total ...	8,987	100·0	9,818	100·0

The total number of persons fined was 9,818. Of these 8,914, or 70·8 per cent. of the total number 12,586 persons punished, were subjected to fine only, while 83·4 per cent. of those so punished were fined in sum of Rs. 10 and under. These figures show how comparatively light are the offences with which our Magistrates as a rule have to deal.

Fines imposed and realized.

27. The following fine account is compiled from Provincial Statement No. XXI:—

Dr.		Cr.	
	Rs.		Rs
Fines outstanding at the close of 1879	78,925	Fines realized during 1880 ...	77,949
Imposed in 1880	99,210	Amount relinquished or refunded..	10,340
		Outstanding at the close of 1880....	89,846
Total ...	1,78,135	Total ...	1,78,135

The balance for realization is thus larger by 10,921 at the close than it was at the beginning of the year. This is owing to the results in a few districts, as shown below:—

Districts.	Balance at the close of 1879.	Balance at the close of 1880.	Increase.
	Rs	Rs	Rs.
Buldana	9,760	13,012	3,252
Basim	6,693	10,521	3,828
Amraoti	15,647	17,775	2,128
Ellichpur	10,095	16,625	6,530

It is to be regretted that the Deputy Commissioners of Ellichpur and Amraoti have made no remarks upon the large amount of uncollected fines in their districts. The Deputy Commissioners of Buldana and Basim state that steps are being taken to write off the irrecoverable fines, under the orders given in Judicial Commissioner's Circular No. 16, dated 30th September 1880, and when this is done there will remain no difficulty in realizing the residue.

28. The amount of compensation ordered to be paid from fines has decreased from Rs. 8,199-12-9 to Rs 5,388-9-2; and this may be probably traced to the increase in the number of cases treated under Act V., Section 34, in which, though fines may be inflicted, compensation would never have to be granted.

Amounts awarded in compensation.

In the subjoined table will be found a comparison of the sums awarded as compensation in the different districts during the year under report in cases found to be frivolous or vexatious:—

Districts.	Amount awarded by way of compensation.		
	Rs	a.	p
Akola	377	2	9
Buldana...	970	0	2
Basim	866	2	11
Amraoti	1,974	14	6
Ellichpur	999	4	10
Wun	201	0	0
Total ...	5,388	9	2

IV.—Preventive Jurisdiction.

29. The preventive jurisdiction of Magistrates, *viz.*, jurisdiction under Chapter XXXVIII. of the Criminal Procedure Code, has been exercised during the year as follows:—

Security for good behaviour.

The number of persons required to find security for good behaviour was 46, against 58 in 1879. Of the persons dealt with 37, or 80·4 per cent., were imprisoned in default. The proportion in 1879 was only 48·6. It is strange that not a single case arose in the Wun District during the year.

The proportion of persons imprisoned seems high in Akola, Buldana, and Ellichpur. The Deputy Commissioner of the last named district writes as follows regarding these persons —

"These figures call for no special remark that I can see. I do not think that the police here at all seek to have the powers in this direction abused."

Security to keep the peace

30 The number of persons called upon to furnish security or recognisance to keep the peace has increased from 3 to 26. There were no persons imprisoned in default of furnishing security No cases of this nature are reported from the Akola and Wun Districts.

V.—Procedure

The matter of procedure continues to receive close attention.

Notwithstanding the clear orders which have issued on the subject of the necessity of a Magistrate examining a complainant upon complaint made direct to himself, I found some Magistrates still, as a matter of course, referring complaints in non-cognizable cases to police officers for investigation, thereby giving the police a great deal of unnecessary trouble and placing power in their hands not sanctioned by the Criminal Procedure Code. There was one very notable instance of this in the Akola District, which, I was suprised to find, had escaped the attention of the Deputy Commissioner, though he had lately inspected the Magistrate's Court in which it had occurred. Another point which I particularly noticed during my inspection this year, as well as from cases called up by me, and that is the facility with which the police are able to obtain from the Magistrates a special order of detention under Section 124, Criminal Procedure Code.

This practice has been the subject of orders for some time past, but some Magistrates appear still to think that the police should pursue their investigations of an alleged crime until a case is quite ripe for disposal by the Magistrate The principle that it is the magistrate and not the police who have to decide *a charge* against an accused is too often lost sight of. All that the police really have to do before sending a case for magisterial enquiry is to see that an accusation is well founded. When this has been determined, there can be no need for detaining accused persons in the custody and at the mercy of the police, and the sooner they are placed before the Magistrates the better. As a rule, I believe the procedure of the magistrates is very fairly good.

31 The circular orders issued with the Resident's approval, regarding the treatment of habitual offenders, are receiving every attention, and convicted persons are now receiving something more than merely nominal sentences. I regret that I am unable this year to give the statistics showing punishments awarded in each district to persons previously convicted, but steps are being taken to ensure a statement being furnished in the ensuing year.

The following figures show the number of cases called up from the District Courts for inspection:—

Court of	No of cases called up including the balance of 1879	No of cases transferred to Assistant Commissioners for inspection and report	No of cases inspected by Deputy Commissioners	Result of inspection				No of cases pending inspection at the close of the year
				Cases in which procedure was found to be correct	Cases in which errors pointed out and communicated to the officers concerned	Cases submitted for revision under Section 296, Criminal Procedure Code	Total	
Akola District	79	3	76	60	16	..	76	3
Buldana ...	169	...	169	148	16	5	169	...
Basim ...	239	..	239	166	73	..	239	...
Amraoti ..	74	..	74	61	10	3	74	...
Ellichpur ...	214	94	94	88	100	...	188	26
Wun ...	218	...	218	39	179	...	218	...
Total ...	993	97	870	562	394	8	964	29

In addition to the above figures 127 cases were called up by the Judicial Commissioner during the year. Of these 122 were inspected, and 5 were pending at the close of the year

CIVIL JUSTICE.

32 The subjects noticed in this Report fall, as usual, under the following divisions and headings :—

Part I.—Original Courts —

a.—Institution of suits
b.—Disposal of original suits.
c.—Miscellaneous applications.
d.—Classification of suits.
e.—Value and cost of suits.
f.—Agency for disposal of suits.
g.—Execution of decrees.
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Part II.—Small Cause Courts.

Part III.—Appellate Courts—

a.—District Courts.
b.—Judicial Commissioner's Court.

Part IV.—Procedure and concluding remarks

PART I.—ORIGINAL SUITS.

A.—*Institution of Suits*

No. of institutions of original suits—Imperial Statement B.-VI

33. The annexed table shows the fluctuations (in the different classes of civil suits) in the litigation of the province during the past five years —

Districts	1876	1877	1878.	1879.	1880
Akola	6,768	6,473	5,068	5,627	6,751
Buldana	1,947	1,875	1,798	1,834	1,705
Basim	1,861	2,047	1,276	1,953	2,331
Amraoti	5,997	6,393	4,641	4,956	5,931
Ellichpur	3,145	3,112	2,469	2,415	2,227
Wun	1,619	1,875	1,398	1,593	1,897
Total ...	21,337	21,775	16,650	18,378	20,842
Class of Courts.					
Small Cause Courts ..	4,639	5,395	4,170	4,189	5,046
Sub-divisional Courts ...	6,350	12,085	10,070	7,532	9,024
District Courts ..	10,297	4,261	2,389	6,619	6,756
Chief Courts of districts ...	51	34	21	38	16
Total ...	21,337	21,775	16,650	18,378	20,842

Increase in litigation.

From the above figures it will be seen that there has been during the year under report an increase of 13·4 per cent. in the total number of suits instituted.

Excepting in the districts of Buldana and Ellichpur, the increase in civil litigation noted above is general in the remaining four districts of the province, as compared with the previous year, and is shown below:—

	1879.	1880.	Percentage.
Akola ...	5,627 ...	6,751 ...	20
Basim ...	1,953 ...	2,331 ...	19·3
Amraoti ...	4,956 ...	5,931 ...	19·7
Wun ...	1,593 ...	1,897 ...	19·1

The increase in these districts is pretty evenly distributed.

The Deputy Commissioners of Akola and Amraoti have assigned no special reason for the general increase which has occurred in the number of suits in their respective districts.

The increase in the Basim District is chiefly ascribed to the prosperous condition of the country in general.

As regards the increase in the Wun District, the Deputy Commissioner observes that it is due probably to the development of the district, and to cases which formerly were settled amicably being now brought for decision by the Courts, the recovery of debts being thereby accelerated.

Decrease in original suits.

The percentage of decrease in the Buldana and Ellichpur Districts was as follows:—

	1879.	1880.	Per-centage.
Buldana ...	... 1,834 ...	1,705 ...	7·
Ellichpur ...	... 2,415 ...	2,227 ...	7·7

The decrease in the Ellichpur District is ascribed to the prospects of the year in July and August being quite uncertain, and very few cases being therefore filed.

The increase noticed in the four above mentioned districts is probably due, in my opinion, to a natural rise in litigation after the fall in the two years preceding that under report. The population of the southern portion of the Mehkar Taluk is poorer than that of other parts of the province, and a large proportion of the soil is bad; and these facts probably, added to the gloomy agricultural prospects which at one time of the year prevailed, may have led to a fall in the litigation of the Buldana District.

B.—*Disposal of original suits.*

34. Imperial Statement B-VIII. in the Appendix to this Report shows the general result of the trial of civil suits in the several classes of Courts in the Hyderabad Assigned Districts.

Suits for disposal.

Including 1,596 suits pending from 1879, 151 re-admitted cases, and 928 received by transfer, the total number of suits for disposal during the year under report was 23,517, showing an increase of 10·9 per cent. as compared with the previous year.

Number disposed of.

Of the total number on the file 22,001, or 93·5 per cent., were disposed of during the year,

The general results (excluding cases transferred) of the trial of the suits disposed of were :—

	Number of suits.	Proportion per cent.	Corresponding proportion per cent. in 1879.
With contest.			
Contested and judgment given for plaintiff in whole or part.	4,846	23	23·4
Judgment for defendant	1,200	5·7	6 9
Total contested ...	6,046	28·7	30·3
Without contest.			
Decreed on confession	7,954	37·7	35·3
Dismissed for default	930	4·4	4·7
Compromised	3,101	14·7	15·4
Decreed *ex parte*	2,572	12·2	11·9
Withdrawn with leave	350	1·7	1·9
Dismissed *ex parte*	121	·6	·5
Total uncontested ...	15,028	71 3	69·7

Contested cases.

It will be seen from the above table that the percentage of contested cases to the total disposed of has slightly decreased from 30·3 in 1879 to 28 7 in 1880.

The percentage of contested and uncontested cases in each district was as follows:—

Districts.	Contested.		Uncontested.	
	1879.	1880.	1879.	1880.
Akola	25·5	25	74·5	75·
Buldana	9·7	18·6	90·3	81·4
Basim	31·5	24·7	68·5	75·3
Amraoti	33·3	27·1	66·7	72·9
Ellichpur	36	31·5	64·	68·5
Wun	34·5	31·7	65·5	68·3
Small Cause Courts	35·1	36·3	64·9	63·7
	30·3	28·7	69·7	71·3

35. Of the contested cases 80·1 per cent. were decided wholly or partially in favour of plaintiff, showing an increase of 2·1 per cent. as compared with 1879. The percentage in the District and Small Cause Courts was as follows:—

	1879.		1880.
Akola	79·6	...	83·3
Buldana	77·5	...	86·1
Basim	70·7	...	71·8
Amraoti	75·5	...	77·5
Ellichpur	75·3	...	74·5
Wun	73·2	...	69·5
Small Cause Court, Akola ...	85·8	...	92·
Do., Khamgaon ...	82·8	...	93·2
Do., Amraoti ...	79 5	...	79·7

The above figures show that the percentage was higher in all the districts except Wun, and it was highest in the Khamgaon Court; but the Judge has made no remarks on the subject.

The following short abstract gives the details of the mode in which cases were disposed of :—

	Per cent
Without decree	6·1
With decree but without contest ...	65·2
After contest by decree wholly or partially in favour of the plaintiff ...	23·
After contest in favour of defendant ...	5·7

Decreed on confession.

36. The percentage in the number of decrees on confession in the province continues higher by 2·4 per cent. compared with the previous year. The increase is chiefly noticeable in the following districts and Small Cause Courts:—

	1879.		1880.
Basim	35·1	...	40
Amraoti	32·1	...	38·6
Ellichpur	38·6	...	41·3
Wun	30·1	...	37·8
Small Cause Court, Khamgaon ...	29·9	...	33·4
Do., Amraoti ...	27 1	...	29·9

The largest proportion of such cases was in the Wun District; but the Deputy Commissioner has no remarks on the subject.

The Deputy Commissioner, Ellichpur, observes that "when people confess or compromise clearly, they have been justly sued, and the probability is that they would not have been sued if they had not either on good or indifferent grounds been thought to be about to take advantage of their creditors, and so, as it were, forced the latter into Court."

"If the creditors and debtors could always agree and satisfy each other, there would obviously be no such thing as a civil suit; and, in my opinion, it is really impossible satisfactorily to explain why in one year confessions and compromises should be more, and in another less."

37. There has been a reduction in the Wun District in cases dismissed for default from 11·6 in 1879 to 7·4 in 1880.

Cases decided *ex parte*.

The percentage of cases decreed *ex parte* has slightly risen for the province from 11·9 to 12·2. The majority of these cases were in the districts of Amraoti and Ellichpur, as shown below:—

	1879.		1880.
Amraoti	10·4	...	14
Ellichpur	8	...	12·9

It is not easy to assign reasons for the fluctuations under the different heads of non-contested suits. The proportion of non-contested suits in the Buldana District, though smaller than it was in the year before, is still large, and the cause of it should be looked into and reported upon by the Deputy Commissioner.

Pending file.

38. The number of cases pending at the close of the year was 1,516, or 6·4 per cent. of the number for disposal. Of these 12·5, against 16·2 in 1879, had been pending more than two, and 9 6 against 9·9, in the previous year, for more than four months. Of the latter, 68 cases were pending in the Ellichpur District; 32 on the file of the Assistant Commissioner, and 36 on that of the Extra Assistant Commissioner. As regards the pending file of the former, it is explained that his cases have been delayed pending a search in the old records at Amraoti for certain papers of importance. No explanation has been furnished as to the cause of delay in the

Court of the latter officer. The pending file of the other districts was as follows:—

	Over two months.	Over four months.
Akola	55	23
Buldana	36	25
Basim	8	4
Amraoti	32	24
Wun	6	...

The Deputy Commissioner, Basim, explains that of the four cases above alluded to, three are awaiting disposal in the Court of the Pusad Tahsildar, who was unable to decide them owing to his illness for some time. This officer had also to attend the examination at Akola. The remaining one case is pending on the Deputy Commissioner's own file, and is under reference to arbitration.

The Deputy Commissioners of Akola, Amraoti, and Wun have not offerred any explanation in regard to the figures shown above against their respective districts. The longest pending suit in each district at the end of the year was as follows:—

In Akola District	March	1880.
„ Amraoti „	November	1879
„ Basim „	August	1880.
„ Buldana „	February	„
„ Ellichpur „	January	1879.
„ Wun „	September	1880.

Average duration.

39 The average duration of contested and uncontested cases for the province was 59 and 28 respectively, against 72 and 26 in the preceding year, and in each district it was as follows:—

Districts.	Contested.		Uncontested.	
	1879.	1880	1879.	1880
Akola	85	83	18	40
Buldana	52	89	22	30
Basim	57	59	38	23
Amraoti	77	50	40	22
Ellichpur	55	75	29	37
Wun	30	29·2	19	18
Small Cause Courts	22	22	22	19
	72	59	26	28

In the former class of cases the averages were highest in the following districts:—

	1879.	1880.
Akola	85	83
Buldana	52	89
Basim	57	59
Ellichpur	55	75

Taking these figures by Courts in the province, they appear to be highest in the Courts of the following officers:—

Akola.

Mr. E. J. Kitts	292
„ Edalji Bahmanji	174

Buldana.

Major R. S. Thompson	102

Amraoti.

Mr. H. S. Nicholetts	114
„ T. Rangrao	96

Ellichpur.

Major Mackenzie	...	...	...	242
„ Rennick	...	...	...	89

The Deputy Commissioner, Ellichpur, offers the following explanation in reference to the high average duration in his own Court .—

"The one case of importance (connected with the succession to the late Nawabin's estate), to suit the convenience of both the parties who were in litigation at Hyderabad, (where one of them resided), was adjourned, bringing up the time of disposal nominally to 242 days, which, of course, at once affects the district average most adversely, though in reality the Court here disposed of the case when the men and material were before it in *five* hearings. The figures of average duration taken by themselves are, I think, worth very little: even when showing apparently favorable results, they may in certain directions conceal dilatoriness, while the reverse does not necessarily mark the delay to have been needless. Detailed inspection of an officer's work can alone, in my opinion reveal whether he is careful, as a rule, to be reasonably prompt or not."

The highest duration in Major Rennick's Court was, it is explained, owing to a good deal of the Extra Assistant Commissioner's work being transferred to that officer, who has revenue and miscellaneous work of sorts which had to be considered in fixing civil cases for hearing.

40. The Deputy Commissioner of Akola attributes the high duration in his district to the frequent changes of officers, to the insufficient number of Courts, and to a large number of suits transferred from one Court to another. He says that "Mr. Edalji received from Mr. Bymonji as a sub-judge 58 cases, the average duration of which, when received by Mr. Edalji, was 71·5 days."

The Deputy Commissioner of Buldana explains that the high duration in his district is due to disposal of the old suits pending from so far back as 1878.

The high duration in Mr. Nicholett's Court is, it is explained, owing to a single suit, which was referred to arbitration. The suit in question was filed on the 14th October 1879, and could not be disposed of till 4th February 1880.

41. Compared with other provinces, the duration in Berar in 1879 must be considered unduly high, though it is still half that of the Courts in the Bombay Presidency. The average high duration of the province is chiefly brought about by the duration in the Courts of the Akola District. I believe that the Deputy Commissioner of Akola has given one reason for the long duration in his district. There were 927 suits transferred from one Court to another in the whole province, of which no less than 571 were transferred in the Akola District. The necessity for these transfers is shown in para. 4 of the Akola Report. Of eight assistants who worked in that district during the year under report only one Civil Judge, Mr. Edalji Bymonji, worked continuously throughout the year. Mr. Kesheo Mahipat, the Judicial Extra Assistant Commissioner at Argaon, was overwhelmed with work. Mr. Dunlop was deputed to assist him. This, of course, increased the duration of civil suits in the Khamgaon Small Cause Court. Subsequently Mr. Dunlop was sent to officiate as Deputy Commissioner of Buldana. This necessitated the Small Cause Court at Khamgaon being again left without a Judge. Mr. Bymonji took certain days in the month for disposing of the work in the Khamgaon Court, and this would necessarily affect the duration in both Courts. Another cause for delay in disposing of work is the inefficiency of the establishments of some of the Courts. The Judge of the Small Cause Court Akola, has brought this matter to notice in his report. The Deputy Commissioner, Ellichpur, also brought it to notice during the year under report, and the matter was referred to the Commissioner.

Average Duration.

	Contested.	Uncontested
Central Provinces	34 ..	23
Bombay ...	153 ...	116
Punjab ...	29 ...	18
Berar ..	59 ...	28

I consider the Court of the Judicial Extra Assistant Commissioner at Murtazapur to be underhanded. The whole question of establishments has been gone into in my scheme for separating the civil judicial from the other branches of the Administration. This scheme I submitted 15 months ago, but have heard

nothing about it, though, I believe, it is on the point now of being submitted to the Resident. There can, however, be no doubt that officers who are burdened with revenue and miscellaneous work are somewhat prone to take shelter under the excuse that they are obliged to devote their attention to other than civil work, and that the consequence is delay in disposal of civil suits. This subject was dealt with in my Circular No. 15 of 1880.

I had special occasion during the year to animadvert on the frequency of adjournments in the Judicial Extra Assistant Commissioner's Court at Ellichpur, and I am unable to accept as altogether satisfactory the explanation given by the Deputy Commissioner for delay in Major Rennick's Court.

42. I believe, however, that the only real remedy for the present unsatisfactory state of things is the separation of the civil branch of the Administration, at least, in a further degree than is the case at present, and the introduction of properly constituted establishments numerically equal to the work to be got through. A Judge must have an establishment capable of keeping pace with the work he can turn out daily. I do not think that we want any large increase to our present existing establishments, but they sadly require to be re-distributed and apportioned. Nothing has been done in this direction pending the final disposal of the scheme to which I have above alluded. Since the above was written, I have learnt from the Commissioner that he has not been able to support my proposal for separation. I, however, leave what I have said untouched, for it represents my own individual opinion on the subject. As there must be still further delay, even should my views be accepted, which I can scarcely hope, I am now engaged in drawing up suggestions for Deputy Commissioners for a re-distribution of the work, which will ensure work on the civil side being more evenly divided among existing Courts. To have the work allotted disposed of, however, I feel satisfied that establishments must be added to, and Judges allowed to be more stationary than they are at present. A Judge who presides over a Court cannot be sent at a moment's notice to report on boundaries of proposed new forests without upsetting the working of his Court and adding to the duration of the civil suits on his file. I have noticed that Mr. Edalji has frequently had to adjourn his cases because he has suddenly been sent from Akola to Jalgaon, and other places at some distance from Akola on some executive duty or other In the Amraoti District, the Deputy Commissioner was well supplied with Attachés, who were of great assistance in census operations, so that the Judges of that district were less interfered with in their legitimate work than in Akola. In the Amraoti District, the changes among officers have been much less frequent among assistants than in the Akola District. Mr. Bhimrao, for instance, has remained all the year at Morsi, Mr. Ramrao at Murtazapur, and Mr. Srikrishna at Amraoti, so that the work has been less interrupted than in the Akola District.

Castes of litigants.

43. Provincial Statement No. XXII. exhibits the castes of litigants during the year. Of plaintiffs 40 per cent. were Marwadis, 15·3 Kunbis, 14·5 Brahmins, and only 4·9 Mahomedans; the Marwadis preponderating as usual over all other castes as plaintiffs; and of defendants 37·2 per cent. were Kunbis, 10 per cent. Mahomedans, and 5·7 per cent. Dhers.

c.—*Miscellaneous Applications.*

Miscellaneous cases disposed of.

43-*a*. The total number of miscellaneous cases disposed of by Civil Courts during the year under report amounted to 31,436, against 27,322, in the previous year, or an increase of 15 per cent. Of the total number disposed of, 14,977 were cases connected with execution of decrees which have been separately noticed (Part I.-G.), 1,314 were claims to attached property, and the remaining 15,145 were applications of a miscellaneous nature.

The number of claims to attached property filed during the year under report was 1,330, against 948 in the previous year, or an increase of 40 per cent.

Most of the claims of this nature were in the Akola and Amraoti Districts. Of these, 1,314, against 921 in 1879, were disposed of.

The number of miscellaneous applications which remained pending at the close of 1880 was 4,533, or 12·6 per cent. of the total number for disposal. I consider this is a large proportion; but the reason for it I have given further on in para. 54.

The largest number of these miscellaneous cases was decided in the Amraoti District as compared with the other districts, *viz.* 6,624, or 21 per cent. of the total number disposed of. The Deputy Commissioner of Amraoti remarks that the increase in the number of claims to attached property was the effect of the Resident's Notification 93 of 12th August 1878, prescribing rules for the execution of decrees by the sale of property, and which tends to invite claims to property under attachment.

D.—*Classification of Suits.*

Suits for money due.

44. The annexed table shows that of the total number of suits instituted during the year (excluding cases re-admitted and transferred), 17,710, or 85 per cent. of the entire number, were for money due. Of these, 11,032 were suits on written obligations, and 6,678 for money due otherwise than on bonds, showing an increase of 17·5 and 16·4 per cent., respectively, as compared with the previous year:—

Districts.	On written obligations.		On unwritten obligations.		On account stated.		Money had or received		Goods sold.		Total of suits for money due.	
	1879.	1880.	1879.	1880.	1879.	1880.	1879.	1880.	1879.	1880.	1879.	1880.
Akola ...	3,216	3,951	539	734	567	807	48	38	409	401	4,779	5,931
Buldana ...	1,100	1,111	181	145	324	204	3	...	14	1	1,622	1,461
Basim ...	630	878	494	792	370	237	...	62	1	1	1,495	1,970
Amraoti ...	2,361	2,887	369	380	786	1,255	55	45	271	205	3,842	4,772
Ellichpur ...	1,321	1,207	284	377	428	328	14	4	37	36	2,084	1,952
Wun ..	762	998	202	294	198	206	3	12	140	114	1,305	1,624
Total ...	9,390	11,032	2,069	2,722	2,673	3,037	123	161	872	758	15,127	17,710

With the exception of the Ellichpur District, there has been a general increase throughout the province in the number of suits instituted, as shown above in the first four headings. The increase under the different heads naturally follows the general increase in civil litigation.

Written and unwritten obligations.

The total number of suits on written and unwritten obligations was 13,754, against 11,459 in 1879. Of these, 80·2 per cent. were on bonds, and only 19·8 on unwritten obligations. The percentage of these suits in the previous year was 82 and 18 respectively.

The annexed comparative table exhibits in a concise form the fluctuations under the other classes:—

	1879.		1880.			
Breaches of contract ...	585	...	581	...	8·6	Percentage of increase.
Rent suits	199	...	231	...	16	
Moveable property ...	899	...	801	...	10·9	Percentage of decrease.
Damages	165	...	92	...	42·2	
Suits relating to marriage ...	51	..	35	...	31·3	
Immoveable property ...	1,047	...	1,035	...	1·1	
Other suits	355	...	357	...	·5	Percentage of increase.

Of the total number of suits instituted (20,842) 85 per cent. were for money, of which 52·9 per cent. were brought on bonds, 13 8 per cent. on verbal agreements, 14·7 per cent. on account stated, and 3 6 per cent. for price of goods sold,

The number of suits brought on written obligations is a satisfactory feature in Berar litigation.

Suits for immoveable property.

45. The following statement shows that of the 1,035 suits for immoveable property included in column 20 of Imperial Statement B.-VI., 857, or 82·8 per cent., were those relating to survey numbers. The percentage in the previous year was 77·6.

In calling up for inspection the proceedings in some of the cases, I have found that some suits which have been included in column 4 should have been included in column 6. The error is not of any very great importance, but I have pointed it out to the Deputy Commissioners on whose returns it has been discovered, and I hope that next year they will be more correct.

Districts.	Under Specific Relief Act, Sections 8 and 9.		Between parties claiming as proprietors.		Between proprietors and sub-tenants		Other suits.		Total.		Suits to declare or establish right in survey Nos.	
	1879.	1880.	1879.	1880.	1879.	1880	1879	1880.	1879.	1880.	1879.	1880.
	1		2		3		4		5		6	
Akola ...	3	10	85	149	70	24	171	111	329	294	24	13
Buldana ...	1	6	33	30	10	8	51	97	95	141	4	11
Basim ...	32	14	7	17	13	17	7	30	59	78	1	8
Amraoti ...	46	34	26	122	7	46	76	20	155	222	26	33
Ellichpur ...	3	1	70	16	6	32	19	34	98	83	14	24
Wun ...	2	3	...	13	45	14	...	9	47	39	2	4
Total ...	87	68	221	347	151	141	324	301	783	857	71	93

The decrease in the number of suits under the Specific Relief Act is generally attributed by District Officers to the ignorance of the people with the provisions of that Act, the advantages of which are yet unknown to them. There is a net increase altogether of 74 suits relating to survey numbers, excepting in the Akola, Ellichpur, and Wun Districts, where there is an increase in this class of suits as given below:—

	Amraoti.	Buldana.	Basim
1879 ...	... 155	... 95	... 59
1880 ...	... 222	... 141	... 78
Increase ...	... 67	... 46	... 19

The Deputy Commissioner, Amraoti, seems to be apprehensive of any increase; but I think there is plenty of room for such increase without any cause for fear. The percentage of this class of cases to the total number of suits instituted during the year under report is 4·1, which is little enough when it is remembered that the bulk of our population is agricultural.

The Deputy Commissioner of Ellichpur, in remarking upon the general decrease of this species of litigation in his district, says: "I do not see that its detail calls for any special remark beyond the obvious one that considering the number of survey fields and the immense number of people interested in them, the litigation is very light, and indicates that for the most part our people are contented and secured, or at any rate believe themselves so."

The above remarks very fitly apply, in my opinion, to the whole province.

E.—*Value and Cost of Suits.*

46. Imperial Statement B.-VII. shows the value of suits disposed of during the year, re-instituted suits and those transferred from one Court to another within the province being excluded from this statement.

Aggregate value of suits

Excluding suits, the money value of which cannot be fixed, the aggregate value of suits disposed of in 1880 amounted to Rs. 20,95,970-6-1, against Rs 19,13,366-6-11 in the previous year, being an increase of Rs. 1,82,603-15-2, or 9 2 per cent. This increase occurs chiefly between suits of the value of Rs. 20 and Rs. 1,000

Average value of suits.

The average value of suits disposed of is Rs. 100-3-10, as compared with Rs. 105-3-11 in the previous year. The highest average in the province is in the Akola District, *viz* Rs 142-14-1, and lowest in Basim, Rs. 74-6-1.

Aggregate cost of suits

The aggregate cost of suits has increased from Rs. 2,79,083-4-10 in 1879 to Rs. 3,02,676-12-5 in 1880, while the average cost has decreased from Rs. 15-3-2 in the previous year to Rs 14-5-9 in the year under report.

Percentage of costs

The percentage of cost to the total value of suits decided has remained stationary, *i. e*, Rs. 14-9-4 in 1879, as compared with Rs 14-7-0 in 1880.

Necessary and voluntary costs

The necessary and voluntary average cost in each suit decided was Rs. 11-2-6, and Rs. 3-2-11, against Rs. 11-12-11, and Rs 3-6-3

Average value of suits

47 The following table shows the average value of suits, the percentage of costs to value, and the necessary and voluntary average cost in each suit disposed of in the several districts.—

Districts	Average value of suits	Average cost in each suit			Percentage of costs to value		
		Necessary.	Voluntary	Total	Necessary	Voluntary	Total
	Rs a. p	Rs. a p.	Rs. a p	Rs a. p	Rs. a p	Rs. a p	Rs. a p.
Akola ...	142 14 1	13 11 3	5 4 10	19 0 1	9 9 5	3 11 4	13 4 9
Buldana ..	96 13 4	11 2 8	4 5 11	15 8 7	11 9 2	4 8 6	16 1 8
Basim ...	74 6 1	9 1 2	2 9 4	11 10 6	12 6 2	3 8 6	15 14 8
Amraoti ..	105 6 2	12 1 9	3 12 9	15 14 6	11 9 10	3 10 3	15 4 1
Ellichpur ...	110 5 2	13 0 11	5 13 10	18 14 9	11 13 4	5 5 1	17 2 5
Wun ..	82 12 11	8 12 3	0 14 11	9 11 2	10 11 4	1 2 3	11 13 7
Small Cause Courts.	74 8 11	9 7 10	0 7 3	9 15 1	12 11 11	0 9 8	13 5 7
Total ...	100 3 10	11 2 10	3 2 11	14 5 9	11 3 10	3 3 2	14 7 0

The following table compares the relative values of suits disposed of in the years 1879 and 1880, excluding those the value of which cannot be stated.—

Grades of value not exceeding	No of suits disposed of in 1879	No of suits disposed of in 1880	Percentage of total suits		Average value.	
			1879	1880	1879	1880.
Rupees 5	341	335	1 9	1·6	4	4
„ 20	3,665	4,176	20·4	20·2	14	13
„ 100	9,612	11,508	53·5	55·6	49	47
„ 500	3,841	4,147	21·4	20·	205	205
„ 1,000	368	398	2	1·9	690	609
„ 5,000	132	133	}	}	1,832	1,804
„ 10,000	6	7	} ·8	·7 {	7,590	6,315
Exceeding rupees 10,000 ...	3	3	}	}	21,952	30,053
Total ...	17,968	20,707	100	100·	..	...

From these figures it will be seen that 75 per cent. of our litigation is for property of less value than Rs. 100. The small proportion of suits not exceeding Rs. 5 in value is, in my opinion, satisfactory. I notice in the Central Provinces that in 1879 more than 50 per cent. of the suits disposed of there were of a value less than Rs. 20, while 78·8 per cent. of such suits were of a less value than Rs. 50.

14·8 per cent. of suits disposed of were of a value of Rs. 5 and under, the average value being Rs. 3 per suit. In Berar the proportion was 1·6, the average value being Rs. 4 per suit.

48. The following statement apportions the proportions to the different districts. The figures appear to call for no special remark, being much what one might expect with reference to the richness of the tracts of country to which they refer:—

Districts.	Not exceeding rupees								Exceeding Rs. 500.	
	5.		20.		100.		500.			
	1879.	1880.	1879.	1880.	1879.	1880.	1879.	1880.	1879.	1880
Akola ..	·4	1·2	16·8	18·1	53·7	53·8	24·5	22·3	4·6	4·6
Buldana ...	·4	·4	17·7	14·6	59·1	59·2	21·2	23·6	1·6	2·2
Basim ..	2·2	·9	21	22·7	50·7	60·1	23·7	15	2·4	1·3
Amraoti ..	2·6	3·1	22·2	22·4	50·9	53·5	19·9	17·7	4·4	3·3
Ellichpur ...	1·6	1·3	18·7	18·3	52·1	53·4	23·9	23·1	3·7	3·9
Wun ..	6·1	4·6	27·8	26 7	48·5	50·8	15·5	15 8	2·1	2·1
Small Cause Courts.	1·5	·8	20·5	19·8	56·8	57·9	20·2	20·9	1	·6

F.—*Agency for disposal of Suits.*

Distribution of work.

49. Of the 16,119 suits disposed of during the year, excluding cases tried by the Small Cause Courts, and cases transferred, 25 were decided by Deputy Commissioners, 2,197 by Assistant Commissioners, 8,276 by Extra Assistant Commissioners, 1,439 by Attachés, and 4,162 by Tahsildars.

The percentage of cases decided by the same officers during the past three years is as follows:—

	1878.	1879.	1880.
Deputy Commissioners	·2	·2	·2
Assistant Commissioners	13·3	10·4	13·6
Extra Assistant Commissioners ...	40·6	54·3	51·3
Attachés	8	9·1	8·9
Tahsildars	37·9	26	26

The above figures show some improvement in the amount of work performed by Assistant Commissioners during the year, while the percentage assigned to Extra Assistant Commissioners shows a downward tendency to the same extent as is shown in favour of the former class of officers. There is a very slight decrease in the amount of work turned out by Attachés, though the actual number of cases disposed of by them was greater when compared with the previous year. It seems to me that these young officers might be utilized in relieving some of the Tahsildars of civil work, regarding whom some of the Deputy Commissioners note that they have so much of this kind of work to do that it interferes with their other duties.

Chief Courts of Districts.

50. The 25 cases above referred to were decided by the following Deputy Commissioners:—

Akola	9
Basim	2
Amraoti	6
Ellichpur	2
Wun	6

These figures appear to call for no remark Deputy Commissioners have so many other duties to perform that they cannot be expected to take any more original civil work than the law compels them to take.

Among the Assistant Commissioners, Major Thompson, of Buldana, and Mr Elliott, of Wun, have disposed of the largest number of cases during the year, the number devolved upon each being 622 and 558 respectively, exclusive of cases transferred to other Courts The number of miscellaneous cases disposed of by the former officer was 2,145, of which 668 were applications for execution of decrees, and 53 were claims to attached property Mr. Elliott disposed of 1,359 cases, of which 434 were execution cases, and 56 were claims to attached property

Among the Extra Assistant Commissioners, Mr Kesheo Mahipat, at Adgaon, stands first · he disposed of 2,582 cases, of which 583 were contested. Next to him comes Mr Ramrao Govind, who disposed of 1,464 cases, of which 358 were contested

The former disposed of 2,750 miscellaneous cases, of which 2,082 were applications for execution of decrees, and 245 were claims to attached property ; the latter disposed of 2,402, of which 1,015 were execution cases, and 101 were claims to attached property.

From what I saw when I was at Murtazapur, I consider that Mr. Ramrao Govind is unduly burdened with work, and how his establishment manages to cope with it I do not know.

Mr Kesheo Mahipat, at Adgaon, tries only civil suits, but it was found necessary to afford him relief by transferring some of his suits to other files, and, for a few weeks, by sending an officer to Adgaon to assist in disposing of the suits pending in his Court I have refrained from saying anything on the matter during the year under report pending the fate of the scheme I submitted for the disposal of civil work

Cases disposed of by Tahsildars

51 The following Tahsildars decided civil suits to the number above indicated ·—

Jalgaon	...	. .	...	...	513
Pusad	..	...	...	...	695
Mangrul	...	...	...	..	... 510
Chandur	...	...	...	...	... 467
Daryapur	...	...	...	...	647
Melghat	...	...	...	...	... 79
Yeotmal	...	...	. .	...	... 280
Kelapur	...	...	...	...	... 321
Darwha	...	...	...	.	... 409
Wun	...	..	...	..	... 261

Among the Tahsildars those at Pusad and Daryapur have disposed of the highest number of suits.

The Deputy Commissioner of Ellichpur, in noticing the Daryapur Tahsildar's work, says .—

"The new scheme contemplates, and rightly, relief for the Daryapur Tahsildar. So much civil work involves injury to his other duties, and prevents his being at liberty to get about his taluk."

In the Punjab, I find that the average number of suits tried by Tahsildars was only 230 for the year 1879. The revenue system there is different from ours, and I believe enquiry will elicit that Tahsildars in this province, as a rule, have very much more revenue to collect and bring to account than they have in the Punjab.

Work done by European and Native Judges.

52. Cases were divided between European and Native Agency as under:—

	Number of cases.	Percentage.
European Judges	2,101 ...	13
Native Judges	14,018 ...	87

The percentage in 1879 was 9·8 and 90·2.

Average of cases disposed of.

The average number of cases disposed of by each officer of each grade is specified below:—

	1880.	1879.
Deputy Commissioners	4 ...	5
Assistant Commissioners	183 ...	133
Extra Assistant Commissioners	919 ...	959
Attachés	719 ...	646
Tahsildars	418 ...	200

The above figures show that the Assistant Commissioners and Attachés have done more work in the year under report than in the preceding year.

G.—*Execution of Decrees.*

53. Imperial Statement B. X. shows the amount of work done in the execution of decrees by the various civil courts of the province.

Application for execution of decrees.

The annexed statement will show that during the year under report there were 18,857 applications for execution of decrees, against 15,414 in the previous year. Of these 14,977, or 79·4 per cent., were disposed of, against 11,817, or 76·6 per cent., as compared with the previous year, leaving 3,880, or 20·6, against 3,597 in 1879, pending at the close of the year:—

Districts.	No. of applications for disposal.	No. of applications completely executed.		No. of applications partially executed.		No of applications struck off without execution.		No. of applications pending at the close of the year.	
		No.	Percentage.	No.	Percentage.	No.	Percentage.	No	Percentage.
Akola	4,360	1,148	26·3	583	13 4	1,549	35 5	1,080	24 8
Buldana	1,737	307	17·7	192	11·1	935	53 8	303	17·4
Basim	1,175	357	30·4	165	14	428	36·4	225	19·2
Amraoti	3,287	965	29·4	557	16·9	1,168	35·5	597	18·2
Ellichpur	3,009	765	25·4	427	14 2	896	29·8	921	30·6
Wun	1,441	404	28	197	13·7	481	33·4	359	24·9
Small Cause Courts ...	3,848	693	18	973	25·3	1,787	46·4	395	10·3
Total ...	18,857	4,639	24·6	3,094	16·4	7,244	38·4	3,880	20·6

Applications completely executed.

The percentage of applications completely executed was highest in the Basim District, *viz.*, 30·4, and lowest in the Buldana District, 17·7. It may also be noted that in the latter district the percentage of applications struck off without execution was higher than any other district in the province. The Deputy Commissioner has some remarks on the very large percentage, *viz.*, 53·8, of applications for executions struck off without execution in his district.

Of the total number of applications disposed of there were:—

Completely executed ...	31 per cent.
Partially do. ...	20 ,,
Struck off	49 ,,

54. As these figures compare very unfavourably with the proportion of cases struck off as incapable of execution in the Punjab and Central Provinces, where

the percentage of such is only 30 and 36 respectively, I called upon Deputy Commissioners and Judges of the Small Cause Courts to explain, if they could, the difference; their replies show that it is impossible to rely upon statistical figures, unless we know how these are obtained. It seems that here every decree is shown as incapable of being executed, even if the decree-holder himself declines to point out his judgment-debtor's property or person, the inference being that the decree-holder has come to terms with his judgment-debtor.

Major Grant has the following remarks on this point:—

"When a warrant of attachment or arrest is issued against a judgment-debtor, he frequently comes to a compromise with the decree-holder. The decree-holder then declines to point out the property or the person of the judgment-debtor, and as the decree-holder does not certify for adjustment to the Court, under Section 258, Civil Procedure Code, the application is dismissed, and it appears as one in which no execution was effected.

"As the law stands, the decree-holder is bound to certify such adjustment, but there is no penalty if he fails to do so, and the Court can only compel him to certify on the application of the judgment-debtor. So that, although the decree is satisfied by the action of the Court, yet there is no record of the same.

"I have now before me, received to-day, five such cases out of 10 warrants issued, and as no adjustment, although made, has been certified, they must all appear as cases in which no execution has been effected.

"Perhaps in other provinces these cases are not thus shown."

A fair comparison with the results obtained in other provinces cannot be made until it is certain that the same plan for exhibiting the disposal of cases is adopted elsewhere as in Berar. I do not see how we can show cases which are not actually executed by the Courts otherwise than as we do at present

There is a very large number of applications for execution pending. This is due, I believe, in the Amraoti and Ellichpur Districts especially, and in all, more or less, to the unsuitable establishments allotted to some of the Courts. The whole matter has been discussed in the judicial scheme already referred to.

Coercive processes issued

55. The following table compares the nature and number of coercive processes issued in the several districts of the province:—

Districts	Moveable property				Immoveable property						Imprisonment of persons			
	Attached		Sold		Attached		Sold		Decrees executed by possession being given		Number imprisoned including those remaining from past year		Number released	
	1879	1880	1879.	1880.	1879	1880	1879	1880	1879	1880.	1879	1880	1879	1880
Akola	433	608	349	486	574	853	246	335	84	87	56	68	52	62
Buldana	186	211	102	91	60	192	19	49	29	46	19	23	16	21
Basim	365	381	105	136	56	119	14	4	19	29	18	15	15	12
Amraoti	491	771	216	367	204	358	115	152	113	119	45	51	40	49
Ellichpur...	417	499	177	304	243	196	79	97	18	23	34	46	31	35
Wun	397	429	190	172	71	95	23	31	...	2	8	13	7	11
Small Cause Courts ..	790	808	353	480	...	...	...	...	1	...	34	35	33	33
Total	3,079	3,707	1,492	2,036	1,208	1,813	496	668	264	306	214	251	194	223

Attachment and sale of moveable and immoveable property.

During the year under report there were 3,707 attachments of moveable and 1,813 of immoveable property, and sales followed 54 9 and 36 8 per cent. respectively. In the previous year the percentages were 48·5 and 41·1

In 306 cases, against 264 in 1879, decrees were executed by possession being given. The only reason to be given for this is the large number of suits for immoveable property.

There were 251 civil debtors imprisoned during the year, including 20 remaining from 1879. Of these, 223 were released, and 28 remained at the close of the year. The largest number of warrants of arrest was, as in the year previous, issued in the Akola District.

Arrests and imprisonment.

The subjoined table shows the number of instances in which land paying revenue to Government was attached and sold, and temporary alienation effected in execution of decrees.—

Districts.	Number of instances in which land paying revenue to Government was attached	Number in which immoveable property was dealt with under Sec 321, Criminal Procedure Code.	Number in which sales of land recommended.		Number in which sales actually took place.		Period of alienation				
			Self-acquired	Ancestral.	Self-acquired.	Ancestral.	For one year and under	For three years and under.	For five years and under.	For ten years and under.	Above ten years
Akola ..	234	1	...	...	1	...	3	11	18	22	1
Buldana ...	71	10	1	3	1	1	..	...	2	...	...
Basim ...	31	74	12	39	..	...	..	...	..	1	...
Amraoti ...	131	60	...	...	...	...	...	..	1	1	...
Ellichpur ...	131	...	8	3	...	...	2	...	1	5	2
Wun ...	77	4	5	2	...	...	..	1	.	...	
Total ... 1880.	675	149	26	47	2	1	5	12	22	29	3
Total ... 1879.	906	6	47	40	23	3	4	28	20	41	7

56. During the year under report land paying revenue to Government was attached in 675 instances, being 231 less than in the preceding year; and sales were actually effected in three cases only, against 26 in the previous year. In two of the instances self-acquired, and in one ancestral, property was sold, although sales had been recommended in 73 instances. These figures, I think, support the remark made by me in the Revenue Report for last year, that it was not "too much to assert that land in Berar can no longer be considered a security on which to raise money."

Attachment and sale of land paying revenue to Government.

Temporary alienation of land in execution of decrees was effected in 71 cases under Section 322 of the Civil Procedure Code, against 100 in the previous year, showing a decrease of 29 cases as compared with 1879. There have been 29 instances of alienation for ten years, and only three for a period above ten years, against 41 and 7 respectively as compared with the previous year.

Temporary alienation of land.

57. The total income on account of Court and process fees during the year under report amounted to Rs. 2,95,613-6, including the amount realized in the Judicial Commissioner's Court, against Rs. 2,82,710-6 in the previous year. The rise in the income is mainly attributable to the large increase in litigation.

Court and process fees

The number of processes issued by the Courts during the year was 165,656, or 32,555 more than in the preceding year. The fees levied on account of services of these processes amounted to Rs. 76,529, against Rs. 70,884-10 in the previous year, and the expenditure incurred in maintaining establishments for the purpose was Rs. 52,996-0-6. The surplus therefore amounted to Rs. 23,532-15-6 at the end of the year, as compared with Rs. 19,761-5 in the preceding year.

Processes issued.

H.—Witnesses.

The following table shows the attendance of witnesses in Civil Courts during the past year:—

Number of witnesses who attended.	Period of detention.			Number of witnesses examined
	For one day.	For two days.	For three days and upwards	
35,653	33,606	1,371	676	18,663

Number of witnesses who attended.

The number of witnesses who attended the Courts was 33,606, or 3,430 more than in 1879. The increase is, no doubt, owing to the increase in litigation generally. The highest detention has occurred in the Buldana District, where four persons were detained for seven days. The reason for this has not been given by the Deputy Commissioner.

As I have before remarked, I am unable to place much faith in the figures given under this section of the Report. I called upon certain Deputy Commissioners to check the figures given in their reports with those recorded in the statistical registers of some of their Courts, and the result is as stated by the Deputy Commissioner, Wun:—

"The Tahsildar of Wun did not admit that any witnesses were detained more than one day; but in 24 cases examined, I find that in one case eight witnesses were detained for three days * * * The Tahsildar of Darwha did not admit that any witnesses were detained more than two days; but on examining 45 cases, I find that in three cases nine witnesses were detained for four days, and in two cases five witnesses were detained for three days."

The Deputy Commissioner, Buldana, has shown that the detention of witnesses is not altogether trustworthy in that district. The Deputy Commissioners, Amraoti, Akola, and Basim report that the result of their checking the figures given in their reports with the registers showed that the former might be accepted as correct.

Part II.—Small Cause Courts.

59. The remarks made in the foregoing paras., Part I., as also the figures therein given, include the working of the three Small Cause Courts of the province. The following details, however, show the working of these Courts separately, according to the plan adopted in previous years' reports.

Suits instituted.

The number of suits instituted during the year in these Courts was 5,046, showing an increase of 20·5 per cent. as compared with the previous year.

The increase in litigation has occurred in all the Small Cause Courts, as shown below:—

Small Cause Courts.	1879.	1880.	Percentage of increase
Akola	1,604	1,901	18·5
Khamgaon	649	771	18·8
Amraoti	1,936	2,374	22·6
Total ...	4,189	5,046	20·5

Mr. Dunlop at Khamgaon remarks .—

"But, as explained in my last report, the figures for 1879 could not be satisfactorily compared with those for the preceding years, for the reason that the Court was closed for ten working weeks owing to the absence of the judge, and for the same cause the increase now shown is chiefly nominal. At the same time the increase in suits disposed of, as well as instituted, would undoubtedly have been considerably greater but for two causes, *viz.* :—

(1.) The failure of the rains, up to the 7th September, more felt in Khamgaon than in any other part of the province, had the effect for the time being of almost completely stopping all but urgent litigation, and while in August and September the prospect of the crop was doubtful, only 86 suits were instituted, as against 161 in the corresponding months of the preceding year.

(2.) Subsequently when prospects improved, and there was every hope, as is now being realized, of a good rabi crop, the business of the Court revived , but by that time I was appointed to officiate as Deputy Commissioner of Buldana, and Dastur Bymanji Jamasji, who in my absence held charge both of this and the Akola Court, was not able to sit in Khamgaon more than a few days in a month The Court was open 238 days for receiving suits, as against 220 days in the previous year ; but for the above reason suits were disposed of on only 152 days. In January and February, I held concurrent jurisdiction in the Adgaon Court, where during the period of 29 days I disposed of 277 suits. This also reduced the days in Khamgaon."

The plan by which a Judge of a Small Cause Court is removed at any given moment cannot but work harmfully in more ways than one. People do not know when the Court may be closed for one thing, and do not file their suits as regularly as they otherwise would do. When suits are filed, too, they have often to remain unheard while the Judge is engaged in some other Court or on some other duty. During the year under report, as well as in the previous year, the exigencies of the service rendered it necessary that the Judge should be employed in another Court or on other duty, and hence, though I cannot approve of a recognized Court being left without a Judge, yet under the circumstances it seemed to me that I had no choice in the matter.

Suits for disposal

60. The total number of suits for disposal by Small Cause Courts, including those pending from the previous year, and re-admitted cases, was 5,274, of which 4,955 were disposed of during the year. Of the number decided, 2,260, or 45·6 per cent., were disposed of in the Amraoti, and 1,943, or 38·6 per cent., in the Akola Small Cause Courts. The details of each Court are specified below.—

Small Cause Courts	1879.	1880.	Percentage 1879.	Percentage 1880.
Akola	1,572	1,913	37·3	38·6
Khamgaon	578	782	13·7	15·8
Amraoti	2,068	2,260	49	45 6
Total ...	4,218	4,955	...	...

Details of disposal.

The manner of disposal will be seen from the following percentages :—

	1880.		1879.
Dismissed for default	2·8	...	2·5
Withdrawn with leave	1·9	...	3·5
Compromised	14·2	...	14·4
Decreed on confession	33·2	...	31·3
Do. *ex parte*	11·4	...	12·9
Dismissed do.	·2	...	·3
Contested	31·5	...	35·1

During the year under report, the number of suits dismissed for default and decreed on confession has slightly increased, while those withdrawn with leave and contested have decreased.

Contested cases

The following table gives a detail of contested cases with their results in the different Courts :—

Small Cause Courts.	Number of contested cases		Percentage of contested cases to total disposed of.		Percentage of judgment for plaintiff in whole.		Percentage of judgment for plaintiff in part.		Percentage of judgment for defendant.	
	1879.	1880.	1879.	1880.	1879.	1880.	1879.	1880.	1879.	1880.
Akola ...	538	751	34·6	39·2	53·9	65·2	31·9	26·8	14·2	8·
Khamgaon ...	221	292	38·4	37·	50·7	69 9	32·2	28·3	17·1	6·8
Amraoti ...	726	749	35·1	33·1	*82·3	*79·7	...	...	17·7	20·3
	1,485	1,792								

* The Amraoti Court does not give the percentage of judgment in whole and in part separately.

The above figures show that there were in all 1,792 contested cases during the year, and in 1,560, or 87 per cent, plaintiffs have been successful in maintaining their action against their debtors. I do not know that these figures call for any particular remark.

Average duration.

61. The average duration of contested cases in Small Cause Courts during the year under report has risen from 22 in 1879 to 24 9, and in uncontested cases it has slightly fallen from 22 in 1879 to 21 3, as will be seen from the following comparative table :—

Small Cause Courts	Average duration in			
	Contested cases.		Uncontested cases.	
	1879.	1880.	1879.	1880
Akola	20	19·1	18	19·9
Khamgaon	23	37·3	19	27·7
Amraoti	23	18·5	30	16·5
	22	24·9	22	21·3

The average duration both in contested and uncontested cases was highest in the Khamgaon Court, and the Judge explains that it is entirely due to the change in the judgeship in the last quarter of the year, and to his having gone to Adgaon for a month in the first quarter. The matter has already been discussed by me above.

Average hearing

62. The average number of hearings in the Akola and Amraoti Courts was the same as it stood in the previous year, *viz.*, 1·2. In the Khamgaon Court it has risen from 1·2 in 1879 to 1·5. The average for all the three Courts was 1·3, against 1 2 in the preceding year.

Pending file.

The number of suits pending at the end of the year was 319, being 6 per cent. of the total number for disposal. Of these two have been pending over four months in the

Khamgaon Court. The detail of each Court is given below :—

Small Cause Courts.	Number of suits pending		Pending over two months		Pending over four months	
	1879	1880	1879	1880	1879	1880
Akola	56	46	..	2	1	...
Khamgaon	107	100	1	2	2	2
Amraoti	59	173	...	.	...	...
Total ...	222	319	1	4	3	2

Description of suits.

63 The subjoined comparative table shows the description of suits filed in 1879 and 1880. —

Description of suits	Akola		Khamgaon		Amraoti		Total.	
	1880	1879	1880.	1879	1880	1879	1880.	1879
On written obligations ...	1,199	947	466	387	1,269	1,003	2,934	2,337
On unwritten do. ...	187	160	71	44	90	98	348	302
On account stated ...	113	87	135	103	700	403	948	593
Money had and received ...	3	1	5	10	32	33	40	44
Goods sold	219	234	47	58	99	128	365	420
Breach of contract ...	95	118	38	30	56	111	189	259
Rent not falling under rent law	28	23	7	2	77	77	112	102
Moveable property ...	49	26	1	9	47	68	97	103
Damages	8	8	1	6	4	15	13	29
Total ...	1,901	1,604	771	649	2,374	1,936	5,046	4,189

The most striking feature in the above table is the large increase in the number of suits on written obligations and on account stated during the year under report, the percentage of both amounting to 76·7 of the entire litigation in all the three Courts. The percentage in each Court was as follows :—

	1880.		1879.
Akola	69·	...	64·4
Khamgaon	78·	...	75·5
Amraoti	82 9	...	72·6

The more that borrowers and lenders resort to recording in a document the nature of the former's obligations, the easier the work is for the Courts.

64. The Judge at Amraoti, in alluding to the large increase in his Court in the number of suits on account stated, makes the following remarks :—

"The reason of this seems to be that it is more economical and convenient for persons to have an acknowledgment in an account book as proof of a debt than to have the expense and trouble of buying stamp paper for a bond getting some one to write the same, and to get witnesses to attest it. No doubt also the kunbi thinks the execution of a bond a much more formidable business than merely signing his name in an account book He thinks that the latter does not bind him so much, that he can still re-open and dispute the account, and is therefore willing to sign when he would not execute a bond. People also often complain of the difficulty of getting stamp paper whilst receipt stamps are easily procurable, and I think more facilities for the sale of stamp paper should be afforded"

Stamp vendors.

65 The number of stamp vendors has been of late years very much increased. I have not myself heard of any complaint in the matter of obtaining stamped paper, but if such difficulty does exist and is felt, it can be easily remedied by Deputy Commissioners increasing the number of vendors.

66 There has been a considerable decrease in Khamgaon Court as regards suits for moveable property and damages, and the Judge, Mr. Dunlop, attributes the decrease to the greater care displayed in the attachment of property. "If this is the reason, then it must be considered satisfactory The decrease alluded to has occurred from 15 to 2 suits in the year under report.

Aggregate value of suits.

67. The aggregate value of suits disposed of has increased this year also from Rs. 3,28,593-14-8 to Rs. 3,68,993-11-3, or 12·3 per cent. The average value of each suit was Rs. 74-8-11, against Rs. 78-0-6 in the previous year.

Aggregate and average cost of suits.

The aggregate cost of suits has risen from Rs. 43,559-15-1 in 1879, to Rs 49,275-8-3 in 1880. The average cost of each suit has slightly decreased from Rs. 10-5-2 to Rs. 9-15-1.

Detail of value and cost of suits.

68. The annexed table gives the detail of the value and costs of suits in each Court during the year under report:—

Small Cause Courts	Aggregate value of suits	Average value of each suit	Aggregate costs of suits	Average cost per suit			Percentage of costs to value
				Necessary	Voluntary.	Total	
	Rs a p	Rs a p	Rs a p	Rs a. p	Rs a. p	Rs. a. p	Rs a. p
Akola .	1,30,298 7 2	68 2 11	15,448 6 9	7 9 3	0 7 9	8 1 0	11 13 8
Khamgaon ...	63,211 4 10	81 3 11	8,274 7 6	10 0 4	0 8 11	10 9 3	13 1 5
Amraoti	1,75,483 15 3	77 10 4	25,552 10 0	10 14 9	0 6 2	11 4 11	14 9 0
Total ..	3,68,993 11 3	74 8 11	49,275 8 3	9 7 10	0 7 3	9 15 1	13 5 7

Proportion of suits to population

The proportion of suits decided to the population is as follows:—

	1879	1880.
Akola, 1 suit to	133	92
Khamgaon „	304	225
Amraoti „	110	·100

69. The Judge of Khamgaon has made the following observations:—

"It is now seldom that a suit is brought in this Court without some really litigious reason. The debtor has either denied the debt, or while admitting it, refused to pay or execute a new bond. The old system of resorting to the Court as the easiest means of collecting debts which might otherwise have been recovered, no longer exists. The great majority of such claims, especially in the town of Khamgaon, are settled out of Court, and litigation is adopted as a last resort. This result is attributed by those who attended the Court to the effect of the Civil Procedure Code, some of the provisions of which in regard to the forms observed in instituting suits and attaching property, are held by creditors to give undue opportunities to dishonest debtors for the evasion of their debts. It is certainly the case that the leading sowcars, who have the largest and widest transactions, view the Code with no favor and rarely come into Court"

The above results from one point of view may not be considered unsatisfactory

Application for execution of decrees.

	1879	1880
Akola	846	1,097
Khamgaon	637	771
Amraoti	1,408	1,980
Akola	769	1,002
Khamgaon ..	491	676
Amraoti ...	1,363	1,775

70. There were 3,848 applications for execution of decrees, or 33 per cent., more than in the previous year. Of these, 3,453, or 89 7 per cent., were disposed of during the year The number disposed of was highest in the Amraoti Small Cause Court, *viz*, 1,775.

Details of disposal

The following percentages will show the details of disposal in each of the Small Cause Courts during the year under report:—

	Akola	Khamgaon	Amraoti
Completely executed ...	30·5	24 2 ...	12·5
Partially do ..	28·3	52·7 ...	18·8
Struck off without any execution	41 2	23·1 ...	68·7

	1879.		1880
Akola	77	..	95
Khamgaon	146		95
Amraoti ...	145	..	205

The number of applications pending at the close of the year was 395, against 368 in the previous year.

Persons imprisoned.

There were 34 persons imprisoned during the year, against 31 in the previous year; and of these 33, against 33 also in the previous year, were released.

	Imprisoned		Released.	
	1879	1880	1879	1880
Akola	9	12	9	12
Khamgaon . .	10	12	12	11
Amraoti	12	10	12	10

Attachment and sale of moveable property.

Moveable property was attached in 808 instances, against 790 in the previous year; but in 480 cases, or 59·4 per cent. only, was sale actually resorted to. In 1879 sale was effected in 353 cases.

	Attached.		Sold	
	1879.	1880.	1879	1880
Akola	351	235	147	163
Khamgaon	202	203	90	84
Amraoti	237	370	116	233

Re-trials

There were in all 25 applications for re-trial. Of these 8 were granted and 17 refused.

	1879		1880
Akola	744	...	859
Khamgaon . .	383	—	478
Amraoti .	1,484		1,688

Besides the business detailed above, there were 3,025 applications, against 2,591 in the previous year, disposed of in 1880 by the Small Cause Courts, and in these 147 were claims to attached property, against 148 in 1879.

	1879		1880
Akola	37	.	35
Khamgaon	59		37
Amraoti	52	..	75

71. During the year under report, there were 5,068 plaintiffs and 6,129 defendants, against 4,393 and 5,323 in the previous year. The percentages given below exhibit the feature of the principal castes as plaintiffs :—

Castes of litigants

	1879.		1880.
Marwadis	32	...	38
Kunbis	19	..	15
Brahmans	13	...	13
Mahomedans	7	...	5

And the defendants were as follows :—

	1879.		1880.
Kunbis	30	...	33
Mahomedans .:. ...	11	...	9
Dheds	6	...	7

Comparing the above number of plaintiffs and defendants, the result in each Court is as follows :—

	Akola.		Khamgaon.		Amraoti		Total.	
	1879	1880	1879	1880	1879	1880.	1879.	1880
Plaintiffs.								
Marwadis	509	681	330	405	596	854	1,435	1,940
Kunbis	294	361	113	147	407	280	814	788
Brahmans	164	215	65	65	329	401	558	681
Mahomedans	105	121	32	32	166	110	303	263
Defendants.								
Kunbis	627	792	332	386	677	864	1,636	2,042
Mahomedans	320	282	71	79	192	177	583	538
Dheds	156	245	72	83	112	98	340	426

The increase in the number of Kunbi defendants is, the judge at Khamgaon believes, an accidental fluctuation, but it may to some extent be the result of the excellent rabi crops now ripening, the prospects of which have induced the creditors to bring forward their claims.

The Judge of the Akola Court makes the following remarks :—

"This statement will further show that the number of Marwadi sowcars has now been reduced, and Kunbis, Brahmans, Mahomedans, and Rajputs have also become sowcars, and this latter class of sowcars or creditors also ruin their debtors in charging interest as the Marwadis."

The Marwadi money-lender has generally been charged with being avaricious and extortionate, but the charge would seem to be as well merited by other castes who lend money, and the fair inference is that the security is bad and the Kunbi is as tricksy in his dealing with the money-lender as the latter perhaps is inclined to be extortionate.

72. The number of days the Courts actually sat for the disposal of civil work and the average number of suits decided are shown below :—

	No of days.	Average of suits
Akola	155	... 12
Khamgaon	152	... 5·8
Amraoti	158	... 14

The number of applications under Chapter XX. of the Civil Procedure Code and under the Bankruptcy Rules is given in the following table :—

	Under Chapter XX, Civil Procedure Code			Under Bankruptcy Rules			Pending
	Number of applications	Number admitted	Number refused	Number of applications.	Number admitted.	Number refused	
Akola	6	3	3	7	4	2	1
Khamgaon ...	1	1	...	...	...	...	...
Amraoti	...	...	...	62	12	40	10
Total ..	7	4	3	69	16	42	11

Aggregate income of Courts

73. The aggregate income of the Small Cause Courts arising from Court fees, process fees, and other miscellaneous sources amounted to Rs. 50,164-12-0, and the total expenditure, including salary of the judges, was Rs. 41,269-2-11, showing a balance to profit of Rs. 8,895-9-1, as shown below, against Rs. 2,713-2-7 in the previous year :—

	Receipts				Expenditure				Balance		
	Rs	a	p		Rs	a	p		Rs	a	p.
Akola	16,691	8	0	...	15,406	10	1	...	1,284	13	11
K[illegible]gaon	8,984	10	0	...	9,964	3	1	...	...		
A[illegible]	24,488	10	0	...	15,898	5	9	..	8,590	4	3

It will be seen from the above that the expenditure of the Khamgaon Court alone has exceeded the income by Rs. 979-9-1. The net profit of Rs. 8,590-4-3 in the Amraoti Court, against Rs. 2,918-14-1 in the previous year, is indeed very satisfactory.

Part III.—Appellate Courts.

A.—*District Courts.*

Appeals in District Courts

Districts	Number for disposal		Number disposed of.	
	1879	1880	1879	1880.
Akola	94	52	92	52
Buldana	1	...	1	...
Basim	62	45	55	39
Amraoti	119	148	70	103
Ellichpur	156	150	143	138
Wun	15	21	15	21
Total	447	416	376	353

74 The number of appeals for disposal by Deputy Commissioners, including those (71) pending from previous year, was 416, showing a decrease of 31 as compared with the year 1879, of which 353, or 84·9 per cent., were disposed of, leaving 63 pending at the close of the year.

The Deputy Commissioner of Akola, in alluding to the decrease in the number of appeals in his district, says:—"The number of times in which I ordered a remand contributed, I think, to diminish the number of appeals, my experience being that judges are often right, although the evidence adduced is insufficient to satisfy the Appellate Court."

Results of appeals.

75. The following comparative statement shows the percentages of the results of appeals decided in each district:—

Districts	Confirmed.		Modified.		Reversed		Remanded under Section 562, Civil Procedure Code.			
	1879	1880	1879.	1880.	1879.	1880	1879	1880	1879	1880.
Akola ..	51·1	55·8	8·7	7 7	27·2	7·7	10 8	26·9	2·2	1 9
Buldana	100·	..	..	...	..	...	.	..		..
Basim ..	52·7	35·9	7·3	7·7	12·7	28 2	14·6	12·8	12·7	15·4
Amraoti ..	70	65	5 7	2·9	5·7	18·4	17 2	13·6	1·4	...
Ellichpur ..	44·7	42	13·3	8·7	29·4	31·9	10·5	13	2 1	4·4
Wun ...	80·	52·4	...	14·3	6 7	28 6	13·3	4 7	...	..
	50·7	53·7	7·1	9·3	23·8	21·	14·7	12 5	3·7	3 5

The number of appeals confirmed has risen from 50·7 in 1879 to 53·7 in 1880. The percentage of reversal is much higher in the Basim District, but it is highest in the Wun District. Neither of the Deputy Commissioners of these districts has offered any remarks on the high percentage of reversals.

76. In the Akola District, the increase in the percentage of appeals remanded under Section 562, Civil Procedure Code, is most noteworthy, and I am surprised that the Deputy Commissioner has nothing to say or remark upon this considerable increase. He merely writes:—

"There is nothing in the above figures which require special notice."

Having, since the receipt of the Deputy Commissioner's report, called up for inspection 14 appeals shown as disposed of under Section 562, I found that no less than 6 of these had been sent back wrongly under Section 562 instead of Section 566.

The duration in the Deputy Commissioner's Court had thereby been materially decreased. A suit which has been decided on a preliminary point and not on its merits, can alone be sent back on appeal under Section 562. In all other cases the appeal remains on the file of the Appellate Court, whose duration is proportionately increased.

In inspecting these 14 appeals, I found too that the Deputy Commissioner, Akola, had not filed them on the day of presentation; and this again has made the duration of appeals in the Akola District unfairly low. It is a very easy way to dispose of an appeal and reverse it and send it back to the Court below for re-trial; but this is no real disposal by the Appellate Court.

There is also a slight increase on a case remanded in the Ellichpur District; but the decrease in the Wun District is remarkable.

The percentage of appeals dismissed for default is very high in the Basim District, and the Deputy Commissioner has been called on for explanation as to the cause of it.

Average duration.

77. The average duration of appeals for the province was 53·1 days, and in each of the districts it was as follows:—

	1879.	1880.
Akola	92 ...	30 4
Basim	45 . .	62
Amraoti	... ...	120
Ellichpur	31·2 ..	54·4
Wun	16 ...	17 3

The Duputy Commissioner of Basim explains that the high average in his Court is owing to some cases having to be sent back more than once under Section 566, the Lower Court failing to comply with the order of remand.

The Deputy Commissioner of Ellichpur offers the following explanation.—

"The duration is higher than the year previous, which is chiefly attributable to some of the cases remanded for re-investigation under Section 566, Civil Procedure Code, not having been returned in time by the Lower Courts, and partly attributable to some of the cases having been adjourned for the convenience of parties at their requests, and in part to suit the convenience of the vakils engaged by parties who cannot follow me into camp"

No explanation of the long duration of appeals in the Amraoti District has been given. Major Bullock is not answerable for the delay.

Pending file.

78. Of the 63 appeals which were pending at the close of the year, 11 had been pending over four months, *viz.*, 6 in the Amraoti and 5 in the Ellichpur Districts. The Deputy Commissioner of Amraoti offers the following explanation:—

"My predecessors were not able to get through the cases, as they were busy with other work. I took charge on the 19th November, and had arranged for the disposal of most of the appeals, but an unfortunate occurrence obliged me to return hurriedly to head-quarters in December, and threw out all my arrangement for work."

The Deputy Commissioner of Ellichpur does not particularly refer to the five appeals pending in his Court over four months.

Aggregate value of appeals

79. The aggregate value of appeals disposed of by Deputy Commissioners has decreased from Rs. 51,566-12-5 in 1879 to Rs 46,394-13-4, or a decrease of Rs. 10-3-0 per cent This is probably owing to the number decided being fewer than in the previous year. The average value of each appeal was Rs. 132-8-11, against Rs. 137-14-0 in the previous year.

Aggregate cost of appeals

The total cost of appeals decided has also decreased from Rs. 7,789-11-2 in 1879 to Rs. 7,367-2-10. This has not, however, affected the average cost, which is almost the same as shown in the previous year, *i. e.*, Rs. 20-13-11, against Rs. 20-11-5 in 1879.

Percentage of costs to value.

The percentage of costs to value has slightly increased from Rs. 15-1-8 to Rs. 15-14-0 in the year under report.

B.—*Judicial Commissioner's Court.*

Result of appeals

80. The following statement shows in detail the result of appeals to the Judicial Commissioner's Court as compared with the previous year:—

Year	No of contested cases appealable to Judicial Commissioner	No of appeals for disposal		No of appeals disposed of	Dismissed for default		Heard exparte		Confirmed		Modified		Reversed		Remanded under Section 562, C P C		Average duration.
		No	Percentage		No	Percentage	No	Percentage	No	Per cent age	No.	Per cent age	No	Per cent-age	No	Per cent age	
1880..	1,793	305	17·	268	15	5·6	95	35·4	91	34	8	3	47	17·5	12	4·5	63
1879	1,435	339	23·6	272	8	2·9	124	45·6	80	29·4	14	5 2	33	12·1	13	4 8	52

Number for disposal.

The number for disposal, including those pending from the previous year, was 305, of which 225 appeals were from original decrees and 59 from decrees passed in appeal by Deputy Commissioners, and the remaining 21 miscellaneous cases, against 251, 63, and 25 respectively in the previous year.

Number disposed of.

Of the 305 appeals for disposal, 268, or 87·9 per cent., were disposed of during the year, leaving only 37 pending at its close, against 87 in the previous year.

Of the number disposed of, 95 appeals, or 35 4 per cent, against 45·6 in 1879 were rejected at first hearing, under Section 551 of Civil Procedure Code, thus showing a decrease of 10 2 per cent. Those remanded under Section 562 have remained almost stationary compared with the previous year, *i. e.*, 12, against 13 in 1879.

The proportion of reversals has increased from 12·1 in 1879 to 17·5 in 1880. Similarly, the proportion of appeals dismissed for default, and of those in which the decisions of the Lower Courts were confirmed, has increased from 2 9 to 5·6 and from 29·4 to 34 respectively.

Average duration.

81. The average duration was 63 days, against 52, or 11 days higher than in the previous year This is chiefly owing to some of the cases remanded under Section 566, Civil Procedure Code, not having been returned in time by the Lower Courts. Of late I have made it a point to name a day by which a case so remanded should be returned to the Appellate Court, and it would be advisable, I think, if other Appellate Courts, were to adopt the same plan.

Aggregate value of appeals

82. The aggregate value of appeals disposed of in the Judicial Commissioner's Court amounted to Rs 1,64,590-8-9, against Rs. 1,43,062-15-3 in 1879, or an increase of Rs. 15 per cent. The average value of each appeal was Rs. 614-2-4, against Rs 527-14-6 in the previous year.

Aggregate cost of appeals

The aggregate cost of appeals decided was Rs. 17,224-0-10, as compared with Rs. 11,607-14-8 in 1879, and the average cost Rs. 64-4-0 against Rs 42-10-9.

The increase in the average cost of appeals as shown above is probably owing to a large increase in the value of appeals disposed of This must necessarily swell the voluntary costs, as pleaders' fees are invariably calculated at the

rate of 3 per cent. upon the value claimed in appeal. Moreover, during the past year, among the 19 miscellaneous appeals disposed of, there were two in which the pleaders' fees amounted to more than Rs. 300, the same being calculated at one-fourth of the amount of original claim, as laid down in Rule VII of the Rules for the regulation of pleaders' fees. The voluntary cost of such appeals in the previous year was only Rs. 0-4-8, while for the reasons given above it has risen to Rs. 17-1-9. The total voluntary cost in appeals of all kinds during the year has been doubled as compared with the preceding year, and the percentage of costs to value was Rs. 10-7-5, against Rs. 8-1-8 in 1879.

Pleaders.

83. There were 96 pleaders practising in all the Courts of the province during the year, against 93 in the previous year, three pleaders being newly added to the Amraoti District. They were employed in 15,415 cases, including those of the Small Cause Courts, or in 73 1 per cent. of the total number disposed of; and of these 5,075 were contested cases

The Deputy Commissioner, Buldana, observes.—"There were 12 vakils practising in the district, and the only drawback I find with most of them is their eagerness for employment. They will take up the most worthless cases. Comparing the contested cases (339) with the number of power of attorney (2,000) shows that their advice was not necessary in nearly 83 per cent. of cases disposed of The ignorant litigants to the suit had, however, to bear their cost at 3 per cent., and in many cases paid valuable rewards."

On the same subject the Deputy Commissioner of Ellichpur writes:—

"Some of the pleaders are, I consider, very helpful and good; some, in my opinion, neither assist the Court nor their clients, and do their work very inefficiently."

I have already made proposals during the year for improving the standard of the pleader's acquirements.

Part IV.—Procedure and concluding remarks

Inspection of Court Registers.

84. During the travelling season, the judicial court registers of almost all the Courts in the province were examined either by Colonel Bushby or myself, but chiefly by Colonel Bushby. I also called for and examined numerous cases decided in the Civil as well as Criminal Courts, and my remarks on omissions and errors in law and procedure were duly communicated to the presiding officers of the Courts concerned through their Deputy Commissioners, who have moreover been directed to scrutinize and superintend invariably the working of their subordinate Courts by frequently calling for and carefully examining their cases They have been also directed to see that the instructions contained in the circulars issued both by the Resident and Judicial Commissioner from time to time on points of law and procedure have been strictly attended to by their subordinates in all the judicial proceedings held before them.

The chief thing that attracted attention during the year was the irregular manner in which documentary evidence was admitted in the proceedings of some of the Civil Courts. The procedure is clearly laid down in the Code as well as in the rules of practice published with the Resident's Book Circular No. VII. of 1879, but the Courts were found to be generally very lax in their observance of the rules on the subject. This led to my having to address more than one district judge on the subject during the year. The Resident has lately, in his Book Circular No. 5 of 1881, issued further instructions on the subject, which will, I trust, lead to courts being more careful in future.

Cases inspected by Deputy Commissioners.

85. The following statement shows the number of cases, the proceedings in which were called up for inspection by Deputy Commissioners —

Districts	Number of cases called up including the balance of 1879	Number of cases transferred to Assistant Commissioners for inspection and report	Number of cases, inspected by Deputy Commissioners	Result of inspection				Number of cases pending inspection at the close of the year
				Number of cases in which procedure was found to be correct	Number of cases in which errors pointed out and communicated to the officer concerned	Number of cases submitted under Government Notification No 113 F., dated 9th July 1878	Total	
Akola ...	58	...	44	22	22	.	44	14
Buldana ...	161	..	161	151	10	...	161	..
Basim	105	21	84	51	54	...	105	...
Amraoti ...	56		56	50	6	...	56	..
Ellichpur	218	...	183	92	90	1	183	35
Wun	205	.	205	85	120		205	.
Total	803	21	733	451	302	1	754	49

I should like to have seen more cases called for and examined by the Deputy Commissioners of Akola and Amraoti. The Deputy Commissioner of Akola had only 52 appeals for disposal during the year, there was, therefore, plenty of reason for constant inspection of the proceedings of the subordinate Courts of that district.

In reply to a reference from this office, the Deputy Commissioner of Akola reports that till lately the provisions of Sections 551 and 552 of the Civil Procedure Code have not been properly attended to in his own Court.

Notice of Officers.

86. Of the Deputy Commissioners, it is only necessary for me to say that I am satisfied with their work generally I should like to see some of them realize their responsibility more fully than they do at present for the working of the Courts, civil and criminal, subordinate to them.

The following officers have been specially mentioned by their Deputy Commissioners —

Akola District.—Mr. Bymanji Jamasji, Mr Dunlop, Mr Edalji, and Mr. Kesheo Mahiput.

Mr. Bymanji is about to retire on a well-earned pension. He has rendered valuable assistance to every successive Deputy Commissioner he has served under during his long service, extending over 28 years, and his loss to the Administration will be much felt.

Mr. Edalji promises to make a good officer

Mr. Dunlop has made his character as a thoroughly reliable, hard-working Assistant Commissioner and Judge of the Khamgaon Small Cause Court.

Mr. Kesheo Mahiput has done more work than any other officer in Berar. Appeals from his Court lie to me, and I am happy to say that his work is as good in quality as it is in quantity.

Amraoti District.—Major Bullock has not much to say in favor of his Attaché, Mr Bhimrao, or of Mr. Fowler. I hope these young officers may improve in their style of work. Mr. Shrikrishna, whose appeals lie to me, has a great capacity for work, which he does well. Mr. Ramrao Govind, at Murtazapur, has also worked well.

Buldana District.—Major Thompson has done a large amount of civil work; but he got into trouble during the year for allowing cases to remain undisposed of for an unduly long time and then failing to give, within a reasonable time, a satisfactory explanation of the cause of delay

Mr Purshotam Rao is a hard-working, intelligent officer, whom the Deputy Commissioner brings to notice.

Ellichpur District.—The Deputy Commissioner has little but faint praise to bestow upon his assistants.

Major Rennick, I believe, tries to do his work; but from cases which come before me, I am obliged to say that his judicial work is not altogether what it should be.

Basim District.—Mr. Hare, at Basim, is a good Magistrate and a good judicial officer.

Mr. Bapuji Rangnath is about to retire on a pension. He is one of the old style of officers, and is much respected. He has done very good service for the Administration.

Wun District.—Mr. Elliott is a hard-working officer.

87. In my own office Mr. Jones, the Head Clerk, is thoroughly efficient, and a very steady, trustworthy head of the office.

My Clerk of Court, Mr. Bhaskar Rao, is also a very painstaking, hard-working, and efficient officer.

I have tried during the year to get him promoted, I regret to say unsuccessfully. He proved a very efficient head clerk while acting for three months in that capacity, and he is a man of undoubted ability.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient Servant,

J. G. BELL,

Judicial Commissioner,

Hyderabad Assigned Districts.

APPENDICES.

JUDICIAL STATEMENT B. No. I — *Statement showing the various Judicial Tribunals, original*

Class of Tribunal, distinguishing those which exercise powers in one Department from those exercising powers in two or three Departments, and those consisting of paid from unpaid Judges	No of Judicial divisions	Average area of each division in square miles	Average population of each division	No of Tribunals	Constitution of Tribunals, stating No of Judges in each, and Jury or Assessors, if any	Judicial powers of each Tribunal, original and appellate	Prescribed qualification of Judges previous to appointment	Total No Euro	
								Covenanted.	Commissioned Military Officers
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
Local and Subordinate Magistrates exercising Criminal powers only. Paid.	6	2,952	371,275	13	A single Judge presides over each Court. Jury or Assessors are not employed.	Each Judge, with the exception of 10 Tahsildars, who exercise powers of a Magistrate of 2nd class, had powers of a Magistrate of 3rd class under the Criminal Procedure Code.	Each Judge is required to pass the Departmental Lower and Higher Standard Examination.	...	...
Ditto Unpaid	6	2,952	371,275	17		Each Judge, with the exception of 3 Special Magistrates, who exercise powers of a Magistrate of 2nd class, had powers of a Magistrate of 3rd class under the Criminal Procedure Code.		...	...
Small Cause Courts confined to proper functions.	...	...	...	1		...	...	...	1
Ditto exercising ordinary Civil powers.	...	...	...	1		...	...	...	...
Ditto invested also with Criminal powers	...	...	...	1		...	...	..	...
Magistrates of 2nd and 3rd classes exercising Civil, Criminal, and Revenue powers	6	2,952	371,275	17		In addition to the powers of 2nd and 3rd class Magistrates under the Criminal Procedure Code, each Judge had powers to hear suits from Rs. 50 to Rs 1,000 in value	Each Judge is required to pass the Departmental Lower and Higher Standard Examination	...	...
Magistrates of the 1st class exercising Civil, Criminal, and Revenue powers	6	2,952	371,275	15		In addition to the powers of a Magistrate of the 1st class under the Criminal Procedure Code, each of these Judges had powers to hear suits from Rs. 1,000 to Rs. 5,000 in value.	Each Judge is required to pass the Departmental Higher Standard Examination	..	3
Magistrates of the Districts exercising Civil, Criminal, and Revenue powers also the powers described by Section 36 of Act X of 1872	6	2,952	371,275	6		In addition to the powers of a Magistrate of the 1st class under the Criminal Procedure Code, these Officers hear appeals from convictions by Magistrates of the 2nd and 3rd classes, and are also invested with special powers under Section 36, Criminal Procedure Code, on Civil side. They can try suits to any value, and hear appeals from the decisions of the Courts having jurisdiction up to Rs. 1,000.	...		6
Judicial Commissioner's Court	1	17,711	2,227,654	1		Sessions and Civil and Criminal appellate Judge.	...	...	1

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and appellate, existing in the Hyderabad Assigned Districts, on the last day of the year 1880.

of Judges pean.		Average annual salary of each paid Judge.		Total cost of Tribunals.	Net receipt from stamps.	Executive or other functions exercised by the same Officers.	Average No. of days in the year devoted to Judicial work	Average No. of Advocates attached to each Tribunal.	No. of cases decided during the year.			
Uncovenanted.	Native.	European.	Native.						Criminal.	Civil.	Revenue.	Appeal
11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23
...	13	...	1,910	Costs included in the Courts of Magistrates of Districts as shown below.	Included in the Courts of Magistrates of Districts as shown below.	Revenue and account work of the Taluk	For Civil Courts the summer vacation is also excepted.	Two Barristers and 96 Pleaders are practising in the Province.	5,765	...	...	...
...	16	...	...	Do.	Do.	...			3,453	...	...	...
...	...	9,600	...	15,898	16,691 8 0	...			...	2,260	...	...
...	1	...	9,600	15,407	8,293 4 0	...			...	1,991	...	...
1	..	7,200	...	9,964	24,393 9 0	...			33	1,191	..	...
2	15	2,730	2,851	Costs included in the Courts of Magistrates of Districts as shown below.	Included in the Courts of Magistrates of Districts as shown below.	With the exception of two Officers, the others were in charge of revenue and account work of the Taluk			2,930	6,693	...	...
5	7	8,600	4,100	Do.	Do.	One of these exercises criminal powers and 2 Civil and Criminal powers, and the others exercise Civil, Criminal and Revenue powers.			1,730	8,914	...	..
...	...	15,310	...	2,68,737 6 2	2,39,461 2 0	Revenue and account work of Districts.			529	25	.	312
...	...	27,000	...	38,400 0 0	6,773 15 0	...	The entire year, Sundays and authorized holidays excepted.		...	...	...	324
									A 14,440	B. 21,074	...	636

A—*Vide* Provincial Statement No. XVII.-A

B—*Vide* Provincial Statement No. XXIV-A

JUDICIAL STATEMENT B No. II —(Criminal.)—*Statement of Offences reported, and of persons tried, convicted, and acquitted, for each offence in the Hyderabad Assigned Districts during the year* 1880.

Indian Penal Code	Description of offences	No of offences reported.	*No of offences admitted to have occurred.	No of persons under trial during the year 1880.		Acquitted or discharged.		Convicted		Died, escaped, transferred.		Remaining under trial		Remarks. The No committed out of those remaining under trial should be noted in this column for remarks
				Cases	Persons	Cases	Persons.	Cases.	Persons	Cases.	Persons	Cases.	Persons	
	CLASS 1 —OFFENCES AGAINST THE STATE, THE PUBLIC, AND JUSTICE.													
	AGAINST THE STATE.													
121	Waging war against the Queen	...	...	...	...	...	...		...	...	...	...	..	
122-123	Collecting arms or concealing attempt to wage war ...	..	...	..	...	...	...	...	...	..	...	...	...	
125 to 127	War or depredation on allied powers	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	
131-132	Abetment of mutiny	...	...	..	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	
	RELATING TO COIN, STAMPS, WEIGHTS, AND MEASURES.													
231 to 238	Counterfeiting coin	1	1	2	2	2	2	...	...	...	..	...	..	
246 to 249	Diminishing or altering coin	1	1	1	1	1	1	...	...	..	...	...	...	
239 to 243 and 250 to 254	Passing or possessing bad or altered coin ...	47	32	28	34	10	14	18	20	...	...	...	...	
255 to 259	Counterfeiting stamps or selling same	2	2	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	
260 to 263	Using as genuine counterfeit stamps, or effacing or altering same	1	2	4	4	3	2	1	2	...	...	...	...	
264 to 267	Making, using, or possessing false weights or measures ...	72	69	72	97	15	26	55	70	...	...	2	1	
	AGAINST PUBLIC JUSTICE.													
140, 170-171	Personating public servant or soldier . ..	3	3	4	7	...	...	4	7	...	...	...	..	
118 to 120	Concealing design to commit offence	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	
176-177, 181, 182, 202-203	Omitting to give information of offence, or giving false information	76	74	72	73	18	19	53	54	...	...	1	...	
201 to 204	Causing disappearance of evidence	3	3	3	6	...	...	3	6	...	...	...	...	
435, C. C.P.	Contempt of Court	1	1	1	1	...	...	1	1	...	...	...	...	
183 to 189, 187-190	Resisting, obstructing, or omitting to assist public servant...	57	57	57	96	13	30	41	62	3	4	...	...	
188	Disobedience of lawful order, causing injury . .	102	102	102	136	12	19	90	117	.	...	...	...	
228	Intentional insult or interruption in Judicial proceedings..	1	1	1	1	...	...	1	1	...	...	...	...	

212-216	Harbouring an offender	1	1	1	1	...	...	1	1		...	...	...
213 to 215	Taking gift to screen offender	2	2	2	2	1	1	1	1	...	...	.	...
224-225	Resistance to lawful apprehension and rescue ..	21	19	20	23	2	3	17	19	1	1		.
224-226	Escape from lawful custody or transportation	5	4	2	2	...	...	2	2	...	..	...	...
172-175, and 178 to 180	Absconding from, avoiding, or disobeying summons or notice or order to attend, or produce or refusing to answer or sign.	27	27	27	36	6	7	21	29	...	...	...	...
C. P., 354	Failure to attend as juror or assessor	...	.	...	...	...	.	...		...	...	...	...
	By Public Servants.												
161-165	Taking valuable thing by or to influence public servant ...	21	21	20	22	12	13	6	7		..	2	2
166-167	Public servant acting illegally to injure any person .	4	4	4	7	2	3	2	4	...	..	...	
168-169	„ Unlawfully trading	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	
217-218	„ Fraudulently defeating punishment or forfeiture...		...	..	...	..	...	..	...	...	...	...	..
219-220	„ Wilfully making order or decision contrary to law.	...	...		...	...	...	...	..	...	..	...	.
221-222	„ Intentionally omitting to apprehend or permitting to escape	...	...	...		...	...	...	...	...			...
129-223	„ Negligently suffering escape	6	6	6	7	1	1	5	6	..	.	..	...
	Breach of Police Act by Police Officers	35	35	36	40	3	3	32	36	1	1	...	
	False Evidence, false Complaints or Claims, and Forgery.												
193 to 196	Giving false evidence	13	13	13	20	6	11	7	9	...	...	...	...
193 to 196	Fabricating false evidence	1	1	1	1	...	...	1	1	...	...	..	...
197 to 200	Making, issuing, or using false statement or certificate ..	...	..	...	...	..	..	...	...	...	...	...	...
205 to 209	False personation in judicial proceeding ...	4	4	4	7	2	4	2	3	...	..	...	...
206 to 208, 421 to 424	Fraudulent claim to, or concealment of property, or suffering of decree	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
209-210	False claim in Court of Justice	1	1	1	1	1	1	...	...	...	...	...	...
211	„ charge of offence	23	22	23	25	11	12	11	13	...	...	1	...
C. P., 170	Frivolous and vexatious complaint	...	...	...	...	..	..	...	...	...	...	...	...
465-466, 467-468, 469-471, 473 to 477	Forgery or fraudulently using or possessing forged document	10	9	9	14	3	4	6	10	...	...	...	...
481 to 489	Making or using false trade-marks ..	..	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	..
	Public Nuisances.												
269 to 294	Public nuisances under Penal Code	412	398	388	452	38	54	350	398	...	...	...	...
	Nuisances under Police or Municipal and Local Acts	3,894	3,882	3,884	3,875	193	178	3,691	3,697	...	...	...	...
	Relating to the Public Peace												
143 to 153, 157-158	Rioting or unlawful assembly ...	256	140	103	795	50	394	50	386	...	...	3	15
154 to 156	Omitting to inform of, or prevent, riot	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
160	Affray	50	50	50	173	8	57	42	116	...	...	...	..
295 to 298	Offences relating to religion	14	12	12	32	5	13	6	15		...	1	4
	Total .	5,167	4,998	4,953	5,993	418	872	4,520	5,093	5	6	10	22

* The balance remaining after deducting the number of offences struck off the Crime Register from the number reported should be shown in this column

JUDICIAL STATEMENT B. No II.—(Criminal.)—*Statement of Offences reported, and of persons tried, convicted, and acquitted, for each offence in the Hyderabad Assigned Districts during the year* 1880—continued.

Indian Penal Code	Description of offences	No of offences reported.	* No of offences admitted to have occurred	No of persons under trial during the year 1880		Acquitted or discharged		Convicted		Died, escaped, transferred		Remaining under trial		Remarks The No committed out of those remaining under trial should be noted in this column for remarks
				Cases.	Persons	Cases.	Persons	Cases.	Persons	Cases	Persons	Cases	Persons.	
	CLASS II.—OFFENCES AGAINST THE PERSON													
	Murder, 302-303 By thugs	..	..	...	..	...			.	.	...	..	..	
	Murder, 302-303 By dakaits	...	...	.	...	.	.	.	.	.	.	..	..	
	Murder, 302-303 By robbers	... 12	9	10	17	4	10	3	4	1	1	2	2	
	Murder, 302-303 By poison — for sake of robbery	...	...	...	...	..	...	..	.	.	.	..	..	
	Murder, 302-303 By poison — from other motives	.. 4	3	3	4	1	2	2	2	...	...	...	...	
	Murder, 302-303 Other murders — from motives connected with women	2	2	1	1	...		1	1	.	...	.		
	Murder, 302-303 Other murders — from other motives	19	11	16	33	7	18	6	9	2	2	1	4	
307	Attempt to murder .	15	8	7	16	3	9	4	7	...	...	...	...	
304-308	Culpable homicide	13	11	10	19	3	9	6	9	1	1	...	..	
304-A	Causing death by rash or negligent act . ..	2	2	3	9		...	1	1	...	...	2	8	
305-306	Abetment of suicide	4	4	4	4	3	3	1	1	...	...	..	...	
9	Attempt to commit suicide	95	70	53	53	18	18	34	34	1	1	.	...	
312-316	Causing miscarriage	2	2	2	4	2	4	...		..	..	.	...	
317-318	Exposure of infant or concealment of birth ..	20	13	9	9	4	4	5	5	...	..	...	.	
325-326	Grievous hurt	57	49	41	63	16	24	24	35	1	4	...	..	
335	,, on grave and sudden provocation ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...		..		...	..	
323-334	Hurt	683	533	390	630	163	314	226	324	...	...	1	1	
324	,, by dangerous weapons ...	38	35	24	45	4	16	17	26	..	...	3	3	
328	Administering stupefying drugs	19	12	6	9	2	2	4	7	.	...	..	.	
327, 329 to 333	Causing hurt to extort property or confession ...	2	1	1	3	..	...	1	3	...	..		...	
330-337	Act dangerous to life or safety	27	21	15	23	4	10	11	13	.	...	.		
341	Wrongful restraint ..	498	353	310	512	186	326	123	182	..	...	1	4	
342 to 346	,, confinement	37	28	25	36	10	13	14	23	...	...	1	.	
347-348	,, ,, to extort property or confession	3	2	3	5	1	2	2	3	...				
352. 355, 358	Assault or use of criminal force	3,079	3,053	3,058	6,442	2,148	4,862	900	1,553	2	9	8	18	
504 to 509	Criminal intimidation or insult ..	157	157	155	229	94	153	61	76	...	...	...	..	
510	Causing annoyance in state of intoxication .	2	2	2	3	..	1	2	2	..	..	.	..	
374	Unlawful compulsion of labour ..	1	1	1	1	1	1	.	.	...		..	.	
370-371	Buying or disposing of any person as a slave ...	1	1	1	1	...	..	1	1	...		..		

363 to 365 367 to 369	Kidnapping or abduction	17	7	8	13	4	9	3	3	1	1	...	...
366	Abducting a woman to compel marriage or for defilement.	1	1	1	1	1	1	...	...	...	...	...	...
372-373	Selling, letting, or unlawfully obtaining a woman for purposes of prostitution	2	2	2	2	2	2	...	...	...	...	...	...
498	Enticing a married woman with criminal intent ...	36	34	34	48	26	40	7	8	...	...	1	...
493 to 496	Fraudulent and unlawful marriages	28	28	28	63	20	45	8	18	...	...	...	...
497	Adultery	11	11	11	12	4	6	6	6	...	...	1	...
376	Rape	40	20	19	21	12	14	6	6	1	1	...	...
377	Unnatural offences	10	4	4	4	1	1	2	2	1	1	...	...
500 to 502	Defamation	23	23	23	56	17	47	5	8	...	...	1	1
	Total ...	4,960	4,513	4,280	8,400	2,761	5,966	1,486	2,372	11	21	22	41
	CLASS III.—Offences against property with violence.												
395, 397, 398	Dakaiti	35	27	20	123	5	38	13	63	1	12	1	10
399, 402	Preparation or assembly for dakaiti	1	1	1	10	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	10
394-397-398	Robbery with hurt or deadly weapon. By poison or stupefying drugs ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
	Robbery with hurt or deadly weapon. By other means	8	6	5	14	1	3	3	7	1	4	...	...
392, 393	Robbery ... In a dwelling house ...	1	1	1	3	...	...	1	3	...	...	...	...
	Robbery ... On the highway	37	22	14	28	3	8	11	20	...	...	...	...
	Robbery ... Elsewhere ...	33	19	12	30	7	22	4	7	1	1	...	...
384 to 389	Extortion	23	23	22	39	19	36	3	3	...	...	...	...
451, 454, 457	House-breaking or house-trespass, in order to commit theft..	1,210	1,081	382	606	87	167	288	423	6	13	1	3
449-450-451 454, 457	" " " an offence other than theft	130	104	25	30	10	12	15	18	...	...	...	...
452, 455 458, 460	House-breaking or house-trespass, with preparation for, or attempt at hurt	302	275	36	61	9	20	27	41	...	...	...	...
452, 455, 458	House-breaking or lurking	2	1	1	8	...	...	1	8	...	...	...	...
	House-trespass	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
	Without violence.												
379-380-381	Theft ... of cattle	581	428	346	551	86	159	221	334	38	57	1	1
	Theft ... ordinary	4,327	3,462	1,664	2,762	265	512	1,375	2,217	22	31	2	2
411 to 414	Dishonestly receiving stolen property	73	64	68	109	12	17	54	90	1	1	1	1
403 to 404	Dishonest misappropriation of property	91	87	87	127	28	50	58	76	1	1	...	...
406 to 409	Criminal breach of trust	161	133	112	151	43	58	61	72	6	20	2	1
417 to 420	Cheating	80	79	79	108	38	54	39	54	...	...	2	...
	Malicious offences.												
426-427 430 to 433	Mischief, ordinary	238	231	221	403	152	292	64	98	...	4	5	9
429-429	" by poisoning or killing cattle	123	102	71	116	42	71	29	45	...	...	...	...
434	" by destroying land-marks	31	31	31	37	7	9	24	27	...	1	...	...

* The balance remaining after deducting the number of offences struck off the Crime Register from the number reported should be shown in this column.

JUDICIAL STATEMENT B No II.—(Criminal)—*Statement of Offences reported, and of persons tried, convicted, and acquitted, for each offence in the Hyderabad Assigned Districts during the year* 1880—concluded.

Indian Penal Code	Description of offences	No of offences reported	* No of offences admitted to have occurred	No of persons under trial during the year 1880		Acquitted or discharged.		Convicted		Died, escaped, transferred		Remaining under trial		Remarks The No committed out of those remaining under trial should be noted in this column for remarks.
				Cases	Persons	Cases	Persons	Cases	Persons	Cases	Persons	Cases.	Persons	
	CLASS III —MALICIOUS OFFENCES—*continued*													
435-436, 438	Serious mischief by fire	109	62	17	25	8	13	9	12	..	...	...	...	
447	Criminal tre pass or house-trespass . ..	931	676	630	1,046	389	718	236	326	2	2	3	...	
461-462	Breaking closed receptacle	6	6	3	5	1	1	2	4	.	...	...	...	
	Total ...	8,533	6,921	3,848	6,392	1,212	2,260	2,538	3,948	79	147	19	37	
	CLASS IV —NOT INCLUDED IN THE ABOVE CLASSES.													
311 400 411	Belonging to a gang of { Thugs ... ... / Dakaits . .. / Thieves	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	..	...	...	
		...	...	...	...	..	...	...	...	..	...	...	...	
		...	...	...	...	...	...	...	..	...	...	...	...	
C P, 504	Vagrancy without ostensible means of livelihood .	59	57	49	59	5	5	43	53	1	1	...	...	
C P, 505-506	Bad habit and repute	16	16	17	24	4	10	13	14	..	...	..	...	
490-492	Criminal breaches of contracts of service	7	7	7	9	4	4	3	5	...	...	...	..	
Act VIII of 1871.	Breaches of special laws for the protection of the Revenue, or on other subjects—the acts being specified Registration Act	10	10	10	13	3	4	7	9	...	...	. .	...	
	Breaches of laws relating—													
	To excise on spirits and drugs	126	119	116	138	23	29	93	109	..	...	..	...	
	„ opium	121	111	110	137	13	21	97	116	..	. .	...		
530 & 532, C. P. C.	Possession	5	5	5	12	5	12	..	.		...	...	.	

536, C. C. P.	Maintenance of wives or children ...	85	85	85	84	64	63	21	21	...	...	...	...
	Boundary-marks ...	9	9	9	11	...	...	9	11	...	...	...	...
Chapter 37, C. C. P.	Security for keeping the peace ...	1	1	2	3	...	...	2	3	...	...	...	...
	To Salt and Saltpetre ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
	„ Stamps ...	54	54	54	81	14	16	40	65	...	...	...	...
	„ Paper Currency ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
	„ Post Office ...	6	6	6	6	...	...	6	6	...	...	...	...
	„ Electric Telegraph ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
	„ Payment of Watchmen ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
	„ Municipalities ...	49	49	49	50	8	9	41	41	...	...	...	...
	„ Jails ...	2	2	2	2	1	1	1	1	...	...	...	...
	„ Forests ...	311	309	301	701	51	159	248	537	...	3	2	2
	„ Railway ...	20	20	23	59	...	1	23	58	...	...	...	...
	„ Gaming and Lotteries ...	30	25	23	93	3	13	20	80	...	...	...	...
	„ Wandering and dangerous lunatics ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
	„ Cattle trespass ...	271	271	273	590	183	433	89	157	...	...	1	...
	„ Possession of arms ...	10	10	10	11	2	2	8	9	...	...	...	...
	Total ...	1,192	1,166	1,151	2,083	383	782	764	1,295	1	4	3	2
	Grand Total ...	19,852	17,598	14,232	22,868	4,774	9,880	9,308	12,708	96	178	54	102

ABSTRACT.

CLASS I...	Cognizable ...	4,323	4,162	4,112	4,845	264	611	3,843	4,217	2	2	3	15
	Non-cognizable ...	844	836	841	1,148	154	261	677	876	3	4	7	7
„ II...	Cognizable ...	1,735	1,290	1,058	1,687	485	868	553	785	9	12	11	22
	Non-cognizable ...	3,225	3,223	3,222	6,713	2,276	5,098	933	1,587	2	9	11	19
„ III...	Cognizable ...	8,066	6,462	3,394	5,668	959	1,816	2,346	3,683	78	141	11	28
	Non-cognizable ...	467	459	454	1,724	253	444	192	265	1	6	8	9
„ IV...	Cognizable ...	121	114	106	213	12	28	93	184	1	1	...	...
	Non-cognizable ...	1,071	1,052	1,045	1,870	371	754	671	1,111	...	13	3	2
Total ...	Cognizable ...	14,245	12,028	8,670	12,413	1,720	3,323	6,835	8,869	90	156	25	65
	Non-cognizable ...	5,607	5,570	5,562	10,455	3,054	6,557	2,473	3,839	6	22	29	37

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JUDICIAL STATEMENT B. No. III.—(Criminal.)—*Statement showing the general result of Criminal Trials in the Tribunal of various classes in the Hyderabad Assigned Districts during the year* 1880.

Name of Courts.	Number of cases and persons dealt with														Cases and persons disposed of												Remaining at the end of year		Average number of days during which each case lasted		Number of witnesses who attended.
	Brought to trial during present quarter										Received by transfer		Total.		Discharged without trial.		Acquitted		Convicted.		Committed or referred.		Died, escaped, or transferred						Cognizable.	Non cognizable	
	Remaining at the end of last year		Under arrest of Police		Upon warrant.		On summons		Voluntarily																						
	Cases	Persons	Cases	Persons	Cases	Persons	Cases.	Persons	Cases	Persons	Cases	Persons	Cases.	Persons	Cases	Persons	Cases	Persons	Cases	Persons	Cases	Persons	Cases	Persons	Cases	Persons	Cases	Persons			
Unpaid Magistrates ...	2	2	1,830	2,383	68	92	1,553	2,984	7	12			3,459	5,473	236	446	983	2,053	2,202	2,875	10	18	22	56	6	25	2·6	7·5	10,057
Local and Subordinate paid Magistrates of 2nd and 3rd Class ..	40	81	4,698	6,457	195	334	3,626	7,078	90	172	89	306	8,728	14,928	700	1,531	2,319	4,853	5,476	7,532	83	125	117	249	33	38	4·5	9·7	26,955
Magistrates of 1st Class exercising jurisdiction throughout the District . .	1·	36	1,2·7	1,714	75	104	325	550	15	18	50	96	1,768	2,517	257	436	139	242	1,309	1,729	28	64	30	41	5	5	5·4	10·3	6,917
Chief Magistrates of the District	-	19	267	559	53	83	55	96	21	75	130	195	533	1,027	109	245	25	56	305	552	4	11	86	162	4	1	5·3	13·6	1,833
Total Magistracy	65	138	8,072	11,113	391	613	5,558	10,708	133	277	269	496	14,488	23,345	1,302	2,658	3,466	7,204	9,292	12,688	125	218	255	508	48	69	4·1	8·8	45,761
Court of Sessions	3	3	24	67									27	70			6	18	16	29	...				5	32	34	.	102
Grand Total (1880	68	141	8,096	11,180	391	613	5,558	10,708	133	277	269	496	14,515	23,415	1,302	2,658	3,472	7,222	9,308	12,708	125	218	255	508	53	101	8·4	8·8	45,863
Grand Total (1879	63	97	7,639	10,783	375	676	5,297	10,168	145	258	281	494	13,800	22,476	1,275	2,605	3,286	6,897	8,758	12,123	159	267	254	443	68	141	6·5	9·	42,620

	Cases.		Persons
* Number brought to trial as per this Statement	14,488		23,345
Deduct transfer, &c., within the Districts after excluding cases and persons (10—16) received by transfer from other Districts	259	..	480
Balance	14,229	...	22,865
Add cases and persons remaining in Session Court at the close of 1879	3		3
Number brought to trial as per Imperial Statement B II.	14,232		22,868

JUDICIAL STATEMENT B. No. IV.—(Criminal.)—*Statement showing the punishments inflicted by various Criminal Tribunals in the Hyderabad Assigned Districts during the year* 1880.

| Class of Tribunals. | Persons sentenced to | | | | | | | | | | | Persons ordered to be fined or give | | | | Detail of punishment. | | | | | | | | | | |

JUDICIAL STATEMENT No. V.—(Criminal.)—*Statement showing the result of appeal and revision in Criminal Cases in the Hyderabad Assigned Districts during the year* 1880.

Tribunal.	Number of appellants or persons applying for revision under Section 404, Code of Criminal Procedure		Number of persons.																Remarks.
			Appeals or applications rejected		Sentences confirmed.		Sentences modified.		Sentences reversed.		Proceedings quashed.		Further enquiry or evidence ordered.		Cases referred for revision to High Court.		Pending.		
1	2		3		4		5		6		7		8		9		10		11
	Cases.	Persons.	Cases.	Persons.	Cases.	Persons.	Cases.	Persons.	Cases.	Persons.	Cases.	Persons.	Cases.	Persons.	Cases.	Persons.	Cases.	Persons.	
Akola	48	81	...	...	18	33	11	20	18	27	1	1	...	...	..	...	...	..	Average duration 12 days.
Buldana	6	8	2	3	...	...	3	4	1	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	Do. 9·8 „
Basim	15	37	..	...	5	13	3	7	7	17	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	Do. 20 „
Amraoti	52	104	12	20	11	21	8	18	8	13	3	5	...	...	2	3	8	24	Do. 18 „
Ellichpur	39	88	8	8	16	50	4	8	11	22	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	Do. 7·2 „
Wun	7	8	...	...	3	4	2	2	2	2	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	Do. 6·4 „
Total ...	167	326	22	31	53	121	31	59	47	82	4	6	...	...	2	3	8	24	
Judicial Commissioner's Court ...	60	77	19	26	10	10	5	5	12	18	...	...	...	...	10	11	4	7	Average duration 27 days.
Total .. 1880.	227	403	41	57	63	131	36	64	59	100	4	6	...	...	12	14	12	31	
Total .. 1879.	239	442	47	99	77	166	33	45	67	108	1	1	...	...	7	9	7	14	

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JUDICIAL STATEMENT B. No. VI.—(Civil.)—*Statement showing the number and description of Civil Suits instituted in the Civil Courts of the Hyderabad Assigned Districts in the year 1880.*

Class of Courts	Suits for money, distinguishing suits up to Rs 500, cognizable by Small Cause Courts from "other cases."																		Other suits.												Total.
	On written obligation.		On unwritten.		On account stated.		Money had and received.		Goods sold.		Breach of contract not mentioned above.		Rent not falling under the Rent Law.		Moveable property or value thereof.		Damages.		Suits for immoveable property.	Suits for specific performance of contract.	Suits to declare and establish rights to real property, including pre emption, foreclosure, &c.	Suits to declare and establish personal rights.	Suits for an account.	Suits relating to religious endowment.	Suits to set aside judgments, contracts or obligations on the ground of fraud.	Suits for dissolution of marriage.	Suits for enforcement of matrimonial rights.	Suits for partition.	Suits relating to shipping.	Suits relating to religion and caste.	
	Rs. 500 and under.	Above Rs. 500.	Rs. 500 and under.	Above Rs 500.	Rs 500 and under.	Above Rs. 500.	Rs. 500 and under.	Above Rs. 500.	Rs. 500 and under.	Above Rs. 500	Rs. 500 and under.	Above Rs. 500.	Rs. 500 and under.	Above Rs. 500.	Rs. 500 and under.	Above Rs. 500.	Rs. 500 and under.	Above Rs. 500.													
Small Cause Courts.	2,922	12	348		918	30	40	..	365		186	3	111	1	97	...	13	.	...	..	...	...	.	...	...	..	...	...	...	..	5,046
Sub-Divisional Courts ..	4,139	48	1,567	13	1,180	25	90	.	256	1	271		64	34	624	...	46	8	489	44	93	13	1	...	5	2	12	6	.	.	9,024
District Courts other than Chief Courts of Districts .	3,784	124	767	28	818	66	22	9	134	2	109	11	20	.	77	3	24	6	546	2	120	37	2	...	1	2	19	20	..	3	6,756
Chief Courts of Districts ..	...	3	...	1	...	...	..	...	..	..	..	1	...	1	...	...	...	..	.	2	1	1	3	...	1	...	...	2	...	...	16
Total 1880 ...	10,845	187	2,680	42	2,916	121	152	9	755	3	566	15	195	36	798	3	83	9	1,035	48	214	51	6	...	7	4	31	28	.	3	a 20,842
Total 1879	9,170	220	2,022	47	2,578	95	110	13	868	4	532	3	199	.	879	20	149	16	1,047	55	204	35	9	1	17	12	39	31	..	3	18,378

(a.) Total number of suits shown as instituted in column 4 of Imperial No. B. VIII 20,993
Deduct reinstituted suits of 1880 151

Total as per this Statement 20,843

JUDICIAL STATEMENT B. No. VII.—(Civil.)—*Statement showing value of Suits disposed of in the Civil Courts of the Hyderabad Assigned Districts in the year* 1880.

Value of Suits.	Number of Suits disposed of in different Courts.					Total value of Suits	Remarks.
	Small Cause Courts.	Sub-Divisional Courts.	District Courts other than Chief Courts of Districts	Chief Courts of Districts.	Total.		
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
						Rs. a. p	
In Civil Courts.							
Not exceeding Rs. 5 ...	34	263	38	...	335	1,267 2 8	
„ „ 20 ...	973	2,280	922	1	4,176	55,824 8 9	
„ „ 100 ..	2,864	5,147	3,497	...	11,508	5,39,353 15 10	
„ „ 500 ...	1,035	1,293	1,816	3	4,147	8,50,002 6 7	
„ „ 1,000 ...	43	143	207	5	398	2,75,207 12 3	
„ „ 5,000 ...	...	...	130	3	133	2,39,949 7 1	
„ „ 10,000 ...	...		...	7	7	44,205 0 11	
„ „ 1,00,000 ...		...	...	3	3	90,160 0 0	
Exceeding „ 1,00,000 ...	...	...	...	...	...	..	
Suits in which amount of claim cannot be stated..	...	111	90	2	203	...	
Total ... 1880 ..	4,949	9,237	6,700	24	(a)20,910	20,95,970 6 1	
Total ... 1879 ..	4,211	8,543	5,397	29	18,180	19,13,366 6 11	

(a) Total number of suits shown as disposed of in Imperial No B-VIII 22,001
Deduct suits transferred .. 927
Plus reinstituted suits disposed of 164 1,091
Total as per this Statement .. 20,910

JUDICIAL STATEMENT B. No. VIII.—(Civil.)—*Statement showing the general result of the trial of Civil Suits in the Courts of Original Jurisdiction in the Hyderabad Assigned Districts in the year* 1880.

Class of Courts.	Description of court.	Suits remaining from last year.	Instituted in 1880.	Received by transfer.	Total for disposal.	Transferred to other Courts.	Plaints rejected or returned.	Dismissed for default.	Withdrawn with leave	Compromised	Decreed on confession.	Decreed *ex parte*.	Dismissed *ex parte*	Contested. Judgment for plaintiff in whole or part.	Contested. Judgment for defendant.	Total disposed of.	Pending.	Over two months.	Over four months.	Average duration of suits. Contested.	Average duration of suits. Uncontested.	Referred to arbitration	Remarks.
Small Cause Courts	..	222	5,051	1	5,274	...	20	140	99	708	1,637	567	12	1,560	232	4,955	319	4	2	22	19·	14	
Sub-divisonal Courts	..	501	9,180	512	10,193	288	40	649	133	1,260	3,810	976	91	1,801	637	9,645	548	90	65	64 4	32·7	19	
District Courts other than Chief Courts of Districts ...	..	858	6,745	406	8,009	631	7	139	115	1,129	2,506	1,027	17	1,477	327	7,368	641	86	75	79·5	41 4	23	
Chief Courts of Districts	...	15	17	9	41	8	...	2	3	4	1	2	1	8	4	33	8	...	4	118·6	37	...	
Total ... 1880.	...	1,596	20,993 [a]	928	23,517	927	67	930	350	3,101	7,954	2,572	121	4,846	1,200	22,001 [b]	1,516	180	146	59·	29·	56	
Total ... 1879..	...	1,370	18,586	1,243	21,199	1,243	90	866	349	2,825	6,488	2,182	85	4,291	1,274	19,603	1,596	259	158	72·	26·	67	

(a)—Total number of suits shown as instituted in Imperial B No VI- . 20,842
Add number of re-instituted suits included in column 4 of this Statement .. 151
Total . 20,993

(b)—Total number of suits shown as disposed of in Imperial B No VII ... 20,910
Add number of suits transferred . 927
Plus re-instituted suits disposed of 164 1,091
Total 22,001

JUDICIAL STATEMENT B No. IX.—(Civil.)—*Statement showing the business of the Civil Appellate Courts of the Hyderabad Assigned Districts in the year* 1880.

Class of Courts.		Remaining	Instituted	Received by transfer	Total	Transferred	Dismissed for default under Secs 556 & 557, Civil Procedure Code	Heard ex parte: Confirmed	Heard ex parte: Modified	Heard ex parte: Reversed	Contested: Confirmed	Contested: Modified.	Contested: Reversed	Remanded under Sec 562, Civil Procedure Code	Total disposed of	Pending	Over four months	Objections under Sec 561, Act X of 1877	Objections allowed	Remarks
Chief Appellate Courts of Districts		71	345	...	416		13	32	6	16	147	19	68	52	*353	63	11	24	3	* Includes two appeals re-instituted
Superior Appellate Courts other than Chief Court of Province		67	238	..	305	...	15	95	..	..	91	8	47	12	268	37	2	2	..	
Total ...	1880 ..	138	583	...	721		28	127	6	16	238	27	115	64	621	100	13	26	3	
	1879 ...	89	697	...	786	...	21	168	10	12	237	39	101	60	648	138	18	2	1	

JUDICIAL STATEMENT B. No. X.—(Civil.)—*Statement showing the execution of the Decrees of the Civil Courts of the Hyderabad Assigned Districts in the year* 1880.

Class of Courts	Description of Court	Application to execute Decrees: Pending from last year	Filed	Received by transfer	Total	Decrees completely executed	Decrees partially executed.	No execution effected	Total	Pending at the end of 1880	Decrees executed by possession being given	Nature and number of coercive processes issued: Imprisonment of person	Moveable property: Attached	Moveable property: Sold.	Immoveable property: Attached.	Immoveable property: Sold	Orders under Section 243, Code of Procedure	Remarks
Small Cause Courts .	...	368	3,480	...	3,848	693	973	1,787	3,453	395		34	869	480	..	..	..	
Sub-Divisional Courts ...		1,645	5,852	433	7,960	2,152	1,172	2,689	6,013	1,917	141	103	1,798	621	765	343	17	
District Courts other than Chief Courts of Districts ..	...	1,552	5,242	195	6,989	1,753	958	2,750	5,441	1,548	163	92	1,090	731	1,044	322	49	
Chief Courts of Districts ...	...	32	28	...	60	11	11	18	40	20	2	2	11	4	4	3	1	
Total 1880 .	..	3,597	14,632	628	18,857	4,639	3,094	7,244	14,977	3,880	306	231	3,707	2,036	1,813	668	67	
Total 1879 .	..	2,863	11,773	778	15,414	4,198	2,254	5,365	11,817	3,597	264	20	3,079	1,492	1,208	496	79	

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JUDICIAL STATEMENT B. No. XI.—(Criminal).—*Statement showing use of Juries and Assessors in the Criminal Courts of the Hyderabad Assigned Districts during the year* 1880.

Class of Courts in which Jurors or Assessors are employed distinguishing Criminal from Civil Courts.	Established or average number of Jury or Assessors in each case, and prescribed qualifications.	Number of cases tried by jury.	Number of cases with Assessors.	Jury trials.		Assessors trials.		Note showing in what classes of cases, Juries and Assessors have been principally employed.
				Cases in which the Judge approved of the verdict.	Cases in which the Judge did not approve of the verdict.	Number of cases in which Judges agreed with Assessors.	Number of cases in which Judges differed from Assessors.	
Sessions Court of Judicial Commissioner.	Two Assessors in each case. The prescribed qualifications are education, character, and age.	...	19	...	...	17	2	Criminal trials by Courts.

NOTE.—In three cases Assessors were not employed.

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JUDICIAL STATEMENT No. XII.—(Criminal.)—*Statement showing the cases refused by Police and struck off the Crime Register for the year* 1880 *in the Hyderabad Assigned Districts.*

Number.	Districts.	Offences reported by Police (Section 117) and struck off the Crime Register with permission of the Magistrate of District.	Offences reported by Police (Section 125) and struck off the Crime Register with permission of the Magistrate of District.		Offences struck off the Register after the Magistrate investigated and certified that no offence was committed		Remarks
		Cases.	Cases.	Persons.	Cases.	Persons.	
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
1	Akola ...	741	30	78	49	64	
2	Buldana ...	892	19	22	46	77	
3	Basim ...	167	21	31	62	100	
4	Amraoti ...	231	6	41	45	86	
5	Ellichpur ...	190	4	4	9	13	
6	Wun ...	178	41	49	6	11	
	Total. 1880.	1,899	121	225	217	351	
	Total. 1879.	2,558	147	277	369	610	

JUDICIAL STATEMENT No. XIII.—(Criminal.)—*Statement showing the proportion of Police to Population, Area, &c., in the several Districts of the Hyderabad Assigned Districts during the year* 1880.

Districts.	Population.	Area in square miles.	Revenue of all kinds.	Regular Police.		Village Police.	Proportion of all police.		Cost of Regular Police.	Cost of Village Police.	Proportion of Columns 10 & 11 totaled to Column 4.	Remarks.
				Officers.	Constables.	Watchmen	To area.	To Population.				
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13
			Rs a. p.						Rs. a. p.	Rs. a. p.	Rs. a. p.	
1. Akola	480,657	2,660	23,71,851 8 8	92	433	992	1·7	316	94,836 0 0	62,285 6 9	15 1 6	
2. Buldana	366,309	2,804	11,28,225 10 4	75	367	962	2·	260·9	57,858 5 10	51,018 13 8	10 5 1	
3. Basim	276,646	2,958	6,19,352 7 0	68	324	533	3·1	299·	65,956 0 0	31,870 0 0	6 5 3	
4. Amraoti	501,331	2,759	21,82,620 8 8	98	437	1,234	1·5	275·6	71,646 6 3	82,580 3 2	14 2 6	
5. Ellichpur	279,022	2,623	12,29,654 10 11	47	216	791	2·4	264·	47,004 1 9	42,711 12 9	13 11 3	
6. Wun...	323,689	3,907	7,85,108 0 0	76	362	547	3·9	328·6	72,951 0 0	25,217 8 7	7 15 11	
Total .. 1880 ...	2,227,654	17,711	83,11,812 13 7	456	2,189	5,059	2·4	289·1	4,10,251 13 10	2,95,683 12 11	11 12 5	
Total .. 1879 ...	2,227,654	17,711	85,40,266 7 5	455	2,233	5,146	2·2	284·3	4,09,492 6 9	2,96,162 0 2	12 1 8	

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JUDICIAL STATEMENT No. XIV.—(Criminal)—*Statement of Offences (other than those under Section 188, Indian Penal Code) committed by Banjaras in the several Districts of the Hyderabad Assigned Districts during the year 1880.*

Nature of crime with Sections of the Indian Penal Code or other penal law.	Number of offences committed in						Total.
	Akola.	Buldana.	Basim.	Amraoti.	Ellichpur.	Wun	
Murder, Sections 302, 308	...	...	...	...	...	1	1
Attempt to murder, Section 307 ...	...	...	..	...	...	...	...
Culpable homicide, Section 304 ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Grievous hurt, Sections 325, 326, 325...	...	...	1	..	1	1	3
Hurt, Sections 323, 324, 334 ...	...	1	3	...	...	3	7
Causing death by rash or negligent act, Section 304-A	...	...	1	...	.	...	1
Attempt to commit suicide, Section 309.	...	...	1	...	...	...	1
Wrongful restraint, Section 341 ...	...	...	...	...	...	1	1
Wrongful confinement, Sections 342 to 348	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Assault or use of criminal force, Sections 352 to 358...	...	1	...	1	...	5	7
Kidnapping or abduction, Sections 363 to 369	...	...	3	...	...	1	4
Dakaiti, Sections 395 to 398 .	2	8	1	...	...	1	7
Robbery, Sections 392 to 394 and 397, 398	1	1	2	...	...	1	5
Theft, Sections 379 to 382	18	19	50	17	2	40	146
Lurking house-trespass or house-breaking, Sections 449 to 460	1	2	10	...	1	4	18
Dishonestly receiving stolen property, Sections 411 to 414	1	...	2	...	...	...	3
Dishonest misappropriation of property, Sections 403 to 404	...	...	2	1	1	1	5
Criminal breach of trust, Sections 406 to 409	1	1	2	...	...	...	4
Mischief, Sections 426 to 436, 438, 440	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Criminal trespass or house-trespass, Sections 447 and 448	...	...	...	1	...	...	1
Forgery, Sections 465 to 469, 471 to 477	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Passing or possessing counterfeit coin, Sections 231 to 243, 246 to 254 ...	...	...	1	...	...	...	1
Taking valuable thing by or to influence public servant, Sections 161 to 165...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Rioting or unlawful assembly, Sections 143 to 153, 157, 158	...	...	...	...	...	4	4
Omitting to give information of offence or giving false information, Sections 175, 177, 181, 182, 202, 203 ...	...	1	2	...	...	...	3
Giving false evidence, Sections 193 to 196	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Resisting, &c., to assist public servant, Sections 183 to 187, 189, 190 ...	..	...	...	...	..	...	...
Extortion, Sections 381 to 389 ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Resistance to lawful apprehension and rescue, Sections 224, 225, 225-A . .	...	...	...	1	...	...	1
Fraudulent use of false weights or measures, Sections 264 to 267 ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Bad habit and repute and bad livelihood, Sections 504 to 506, C. C P. ...	...	1	...	...	...	...	1
Nuisance under Police Act V. of 1861...	...	1	6	5	...	...	12
Offences against Forest rules ...	...	...	2	...	...	3	5
„ against Arms Act XI. of 1878...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
„ against gaming and lottery ...	...	...	...	...	...	1	1
„ against Cattle-trespass Act I. of 1871	...	...	1	3	...	3	7
„ against Abkari Rules ...	...	...	1	...	...	...	1
Total ... 1880 ...	24	31	91	29	5	70	250
Total ... 1879 ...	12	27	111	11	7	71	239

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JUDICIAL STATEMENT No. XV.—(Criminal.)—*Statement showing the number of cases dealt with against Banjaras in the several Districts of the Hyderabad Assigned Districts during the year* 1880.

Districts.	Number of cases and persons.									Only fined	Only flogged.	Imprisonment.								Total punish-ed	Remarks.
	Tried during the year.		Convicted.		Dis-charged or ac-quitted in the fore-going cases.	Acquitted		Discharged.				For and under 1 month	For 2 months and un-der.	For 3 months and un-der.	For 6 months and un-der.	One year and un-der.	Three years and un-der.	Under 5 years and up-wards	Total impri-soned.		
	Cases.	Persons.	Cases.	Persons.	Persons	Cases.	Persons.	Cases.	Persons.												
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22
1. Akola ...	23	77	21	56	13	...	...	2	8	1	1	23	...	3	20	3	4	1	54	56	
2. Buldana ...	31	97	21	75	1	...	...	10	21	17	14	12	1	5	1	5	12	8	44	75	
3. Basim ...	91	227	71	186	2	3	4	17	35	10	42	57	3	7	26	27	14	...	134	186	
4. Amraoti ...	17	29	13	23	...	4	6	...	...	6	6	10	...	..	...	1	...	...	11	23	
5. Ellichpur ...	5	11	3	6	...	...	1	2	4	4	...	..	...	1	...	1	...	...	2	6	
6. Wun ...	70	178	57	138	4	4	8	9	28	30	25	46	1	5	19	2	10	...	83	138	
Total ... 1880..	237	619	186	484	20	11	19	40	96	68	88	148	5	21	66	39	40	9	328	484	
Total ... 1879...	235	653	178	471	16	14	56	43	110	69	78	193	5	18	66	28	14	...	324	471	

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JUDICIAL STATEMENT No. XVI.—(Criminal)—*Statement showing the Castes of Prisoners in the Hyderabad Assigned Districts during the year* 1880.

No	Castes	Akola	Buldana	Basim	Amraoti	Ellichpur	Wun	Total
1	Christians	10	4	1	9	...	...	26
2	Jews			...	...			...
3	Kunbi (Malis)	2,966	725	702	1,687	1,020	373	7,473
4	Marwadis	346	71	63	155	80	42	757
5	Brahmins	224	53	65	220	64	63	689
6	Mussulmans	952	247	248	827	422	211	2,907
7	Banjaras	77	97	228	29	11	178	620
8	Banniahs	40	13	16	77	2	48	196
9	Sonars (Kasars)	158	30	35	80	33	26	362
10	Simpis	49	23	12	22	14	17	137
11	Telis	149	69	47	147	63	55	530
12	Weavers (Kostis)	114	13	6	48	45	23	249
13	Carpenters	122	14	15	50	17	29	247
14	Dhers	668	181	254	594	375	179	2,251
15	Beldars	10	19	11	12	1	15	68
16	Gonds (Korkus)	102	...	13	43	115	127	400
17	Kallals	45	5	17	58	38	60	223
18	Rajputs	77	58	24	112	76	25	372
19	Hatgars	5	...	13		2	26	46
20	Parsis		3		3			6
21	Gowlis	31	29	36	33	68	5	202
22	Cobblers	26	19	2	33	6	35	121
23	Vedurs	11	3	7	25	8	14	68
24	Jains	...	...	4	24	8	...	36
25	Sikhs	5	1		...	...	1	7
26	Manbhows	4	1	1	4	3	1	14
27	Dhangars	43	27	24	57	33	16	200
28	Pardhees	25	13		30	18		86
29	Phase Pardhees	2	...		...	...		2
30	Mangs	46	62	64	46	37	33	288
31	Other castes	1,296	275	276	1,035	691	429	4,005
	Grand Total 1880	7,603	2,055	2,184	5,460	3,253	2,033	22,588
	Grand Total 1879	6,060	2,493	2,245	5,921	3,089	1,774	21,582

JUDICIAL STATEMENT No. XVII.—(Criminal.)—*Statement showing the Criminal Districts during*

Number.	Name of Officer.	Designation.	Number pending from last year.		Filed during the year.		Received by transfer.		Total.	
			Cases.	Persons.	Cases.	Persons.	Cases.	Persons.	Cases.	Persons.
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11
	AKOLA DISTRICT.									
1	Major J. FitzGerald ...	Deputy Commissioner	...	...	72	167	37	61	109	228
2	Mr. E. J. Kitts ...	Asst. Do. ..	...	...	300	343	13	14	313	357
3	„ C. A. W. Davies ...	Do. ...	3	7	254	349	9	11	266	367
4	„ A. J. Dunlop ...	Do. ..	1	1	32	44	...	..	33	45
5	„ R. D. Hare ...	Do. ...	...	...	51	64	2	5	53	69
6	„ H. B. Knowlys ...	Do. ...	...	...	...	..	2	23	2	23
7	„ Kesho Mahiput ...	Extra Asst. Comr. ...	...	...	106	106	...	...	106	106
8	„ Edalji Bymanji ..	Asst. Commissioner...	4	8	83	128	1	5	88	141
9	„ Trimbakrao Yeshwant ...	Extra Asst. Comr. ..	...	...	28	78	17	54	45	132
10	„ Deorao Jaykrishna ...	Tahsildar, Akot ...	...	...	876	1,267	3	4	879	1,271
11	„ Ardesar Dinsaji ...	Do., Jalgaon ...	2	8	508	859	...	...	510	867
12	„ Bhaskar Maheshwar ...	Do., Khamgaon ...	...	...	678	1,020	13	18	691	1,038
13	„ Shabaz Khan ...	Do., Balapur...	...	...	38	45	...	...	38	45
14	„ Sufdar Ali	Do., do. ...	...	...	252	418	8	16	260	434
15	„ H. FitzPatrick	Offg. Extra Asst, Comr.	...	...	217	255	1	1	218	256
16	„ Ragho Yadeo ...	Naib-Tahsildar, Akot..	...	...	82	97	...	...	82	97
17	Nawab Kishwar Khan ...	Tahsildar, Akola ...	3	7	548	968	5	20	556	995
18	Mr. Gangaram Bapuji ...	Naib-Tahr., Balapur.	...	...	31	57	...	...	31	57
19	„ Sitaram Mankeshwar ...	Do., Khamgaon	...	...	80	111	...	...	80	111
20	„ Maroti Kadtaji ...	Spl. Magtr., Shegaon..	...	...	315	411	...	...	315	411
21	„ Gaboosing	Do., Akot ...	...	...	72	130	...	...	72	130
22	„ Gulam Hoosain ...	Do., do. ...	...	...	188	380	...	...	188	380
23	„ Achut Purshotum ...	Do., Balapur..	...	...	223	351	...	...	223	351
		Total ...	13	31	5,034	7,648	111	232	5,158	7,911
	BULDANA DISTRICT.									
1	Colonel J. T. Bushby ...	Deputy Commissioner	...	...	44	72	8	8	52	80
	Major R. S. Thompson ...	Offg. Depy. Comr. ...	...	...	22	54	4	6	26	60
	Mr. A. J. Dunlop ...	Do. do. ...	...	...	16	29	4	7	20	36
2	Major R. S. Thompson ...	Asst. Commissioner...	1	1	68	182	4	12	73	195
3	Mr. Purshotam Rao Narayan.	Extra Asst. Comr. ...	2	4	97	123	...	...	99	127
4	„ Saadat Mir Khan ...	Tahsildar, Chikhli ...	1	1	372	531	3	6	376	538
5	„ Khanderao Yeshwant ...	Naib-Tahl., do. ...	...	...	12	25	...	...	12	25
6	„ Sadasheo Bhashker ...	Tahsildar, Mehkar ...	...	...	211	231	2	2	213	233
	„ Pareshram Ganesh ...	Do. ...	...	...	83	138	...	...	83	138
7	„ Audhoot Anandrao ...	Naib-Tahl., do. ...	2	4	22	34	...	...	24	38
8	„ Trimbakrao Yeshwant ...	Tahsildar, Malkapur...	...	...	122	169	...	...	122	169
	„ Ramchandra Apaji ...	Naib-Tahl., do. ...	...	...	7	16	...	...	7	16
	„ Shapurji Virji ...	Do. ...	...	...	36	98	...	...	36	98
9	„ Khwaja Badr-ud-Din ...	Spl. Magtr., Malkapur	2	2	254	360	...	...	256	362
		Total ...	8	12	1,366	2,062	25	41	1,399	2,115
	BASIM DISTRICT.									
1	Mr. H. B. Knowlys, ...	Offg. Depy. Comr. ...	1	1	48	99	13	18	62	118
2	Major A. Farrer... ...	Do. ...	...	...	6	8	2	7	8	15
3	Mr. R. D. Hare	Asst. Commissioner...	2	2	77	127	1	1	80	130
4	„ Bapuji Rangnath ...	Extra Asst. Comr. ...	...	...	165	274	3	4	168	278
5	„ H. FitzPatrick ...	Do. ...	...	...	21	38	...	...	21	38
6	„ Shabaz Khan ...	Tahsildar, Basim ...	2	2	68	115	7	13	77	130
7	„ Ganesh Govind ...	Offg. Tahl., do.	...	...	204	307	1	12	205	319
8	„ Sufdar Ali Beg ...	Tahsildar, Basim ...	...	...	36	46	...	...	36	46
9	„ Badr-ud-Din ...	Do., Pusad ...	1	1	134	196	...	...	135	197
10	„ Lakshman Balaram ...	Do., Mangrul ..	...	...	181	325	1	1	182	326
11	„ Bheorao Anant ...	Naib-Tahsildar, Basim	...	...	32	69	...	...	32	69
12	„ Damodhar Ganesh ...	Do., Pusad. ...	...	...	12	30	...	...	12	30
13	„ Sital Sing	Do., Mangrul ...	...	...	23	38	...	...	23	38
14	„ Venket Rao... ...	Spl. Magtr., Risode...	...	...	124	162	...	...	124	162
15	„ Syed Sha Amirulla Kazi...	Do., Basim ...	...	...	83	120	...	...	83	120
16	„ Yadorao Anandrao ...	Do., Umarkhed ...	...	...	171	226	...	...	171	226
		Total ...	6	6	1,385	2,180	28	56	1,419	2,242

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Work performed by each Officer in the several Districts of the Hyderabad Assigned the year 1880.

charged without trial.		Acquitted.		Convicted.		Committed to Sessions Court.		Referred for enhanced punishment.		Died, escaped or transferred.		Total disposed of.		Remaining at the end of the year.		Average number of days during which each case lasted.		Remarks.
Cases	Persons.	Cases	Persons.	Cases.	Persons.	Cases	Persons.	Cases	Persons.	Cases	Persons.	Cases.	Persons.	Cases	Persons.	Cognizable.	Non-cognizable.	
12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26	27	28	29	30
23	49	5	18	66	127	...	...	...	...	15	34	109	228	...	...	6·	30·	
25	37	13	19	268	290	...	...	2	2	5	9	313	357	...	...	3·	15·	
49	85	21	37	179	213	4	18	5	6	7	7	265	366	1	1	12·	17	
9	14	1	3	22	27	...	...	...	..	1	1	33	45	...	..	3	16·	
15	24	1	1	34	38	2	5	...	...	...	...	52	68	1	1	6·	15·	
...	5	1	14	1	4	...	...	...	...	...	...	2	23	...	...	..	..	
...	...	3	3	103	103	...	...	...	...	...	...	106	106	...	...	15·	9·	
22	51	13	31	35	41	...	...	7	8	7	10	84	141	4	...	9	26	
6	26	17	35	22	70	...	...	...	...	...	1	45	132	...	...	6·	6·	
66	153	218	423	582	681	...	...	5	5	1	1	872	1,263	7	8	5·	18·	
20	32	196	377	276	419	...	...	11	30	2	2	505	860	5	7	4	11	
40	62	182	415	466	544	...	...	1	2	1	14	690	1,037	1	1	6·	9·	
2	2	8	13	28	30	...	...	...	...	...	...	38	45	...	...	6·	7·	
35	60	66	138	155	231	...	...	2	2	2	3	260	434	...	...	5	9.	
9	17	22	27	176	183	...	...	...	...	11	29	218	256	...	...	2	10	
1	8	7	13	74	76	...	...	...	...	...	...	82	97	...	...	2	6.	
70	174	121	300	349	472	...	...	1	1	14	48	555	995	1	...	8	16	
1	3	7	15	15	23	...	...	...	...	8	16	31	57	...	...	4	5	
2	5	15	31	53	62	...	...	...	...	10	13	80	111	...	...	8	11	
88	140	7	7	212	239	...	...	1	1	6	15	314	402	1	9	2	9	
7	13	25	52	40	65	...	...	...	...	...	...	72	130	...	...	7	12	
6	24	87	196	92	156	...	...	1	1	2	3	188	380	...	...	6	15	
47	80	63	119	112	151	...	...	1	1	...	...	223	351	...	...	6	8	
543	1,064	1,099	2,287	3,360	4,245	6	23	37	59	92	206	5,137	7,884	21	27	6	13	
14	20	4	5	26	48	1	1	...	...	6	9	51	83	...	...	2·5	7·8	
2	5	...	...	20	45	1	2	...	...	...	...	23	52	...	..	5·	8·4	
3	7	...	3	21	31	...	...	...	...	...	...	24	41	...	...	15·	19·8	
14	18	6	7	49	160	3	9	...	...	...	...	72	194	1	1	3·5	12·4	
15	25	6	8	77	93	1	1	...	...	...	...	99	127	...	...	2·7	8·7	
37	77	85	144	240	298	..	...	13	18	...	...	375	537	1	1	3·4	10·7	
2	10	2	3	5	5	...	...	1	1	2	6	12	25	...	...	3·	5·	
18	19	72	56	122	158	...	...	...	...	1	...	213	233	...	...	3·1	6·7	
5	13	34	69	44	56	...	...	...	...	...	..	83	138	...	...	2·9	6·9	
1	6	1	1	20	29	...	...	..	...	2	2	24	38	...	...	3·3	19·2	
15	27	28	38	75	94	..	...	...	...	4	10	122	169	...	...	5·	2·3	
1	1	4	11	2	4	...	...	...	...	...	...	7	16	...	...	5·5	16·	
6	27	14	43	16	28	...	...	...	...	...	...	36	98	...	...	7·6	9·9	
10	36	53	85	191	236	...	...	1	1	...	...	255	358	1	4	1·7	7·9	
143	291	309	473	908	1,285	6	13	15	20	15	27	1,396	2,109	3	6	3·4	8 1	
5	6	5	5	52	107	...	...	...	...	...	...	62	118	...	...	6·7	16·	
3	4	...	1	4	9	...	...	...	...	..	...	7	14	1	1			
23	35	2	6	51	85	1	1	...	...	3	3	80	130	...	...	5·4	12·8	
14	34	19	35	130	204	2	2	2	2	...	...	167	277	1	1	4·7	11·7	
5	14	...	5	11	15	...	...	...	...	...	...	20	34	1	4	4·4	7·6	
10	16	16	29	46	79	...	...	3	3	2	3	77	130	...	...	5·7	9·2	
10	27	53	98	140	192	...	...	2	2	...	...	205	319	...	...	3·2	3·8	
5	10	4	7	27	29	...	...	...	...	...	...	36	46	...	...	2·	7·2	
2	3	19	34	111	152	...	...	3	8	...	...	135	197	...	...	1·7	6·9	
34	57	19	42	129	227	...	...	...	...	...	...	182	326	...	...	1·	5·7	
1	3	7	15	17	38	...	...	...	...	7	13	32	69	...	...	3·3	8·3	
3	10	3	6	5	13	...	...	1	1	...	...	12	30	...	...	1·4	4·	
...	..	4	8	19	30	...	...	...	...	...	...	23	38	...	...	1·2	4·2	
6	7	22	33	96	116	...	...	1	6	...	...	124	162	...	...	3·	2·5	
4	17	15	31	64	72	...	...	...	...	...	..	83	120	...	...	1·8	4·4	
5	5	27	50	138	138	...	...	...	...	1	13	171	226	...	...	1·5	11·5	
129	248	219	405	1,040	1,526	3	3	12	22	13	32	1,416	2,236	3	6	3·1	7·7	

JUDICIAL STATEMENT No. XVII.—(Criminal.)—*Statement showing the Criminal Districts during*

Number	Name of Officer	Designation.	Number pending from last year.		Filed during the year.		Received by transfer.		Total.	
			Cases	Persons.	Cases.	Persons	Cases	Persons.	Cases	Persons.
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11
	AMRAOTI DISTRICT.									
1	Lieut.-Col H. C. Menzies ...	Deputy Commissioner	3	4	14	25	10	13	27	47
2	Mr. H. S. Nicholetts ...	Offg. Depy. Comr. .	...	...	53	96	19	22	72	118
3	Major R. Bullock ..	Deputy Commissioner	...	...	11	15	3	4	14	19
4	Mr. H. S. Nicholetts ...	Asst. do. ...	...	...	...		1	3	1	3
5	,, Mahomed Yasinkhan ..	Do.	...	...	90	122	2	2	92	124
6	,, C. Bhim Rao ...	Attaché ..	...	...	..	...	1	1	1	1
7	,, T. Rangrao	Do. ...	4	5	168	270	1	2	173	280
8	,, Mahomed Razzakhan ...	Do. ...	...	...	12	20	...	..	12	20
9	,, Shrikrishna Narhar ..	Extra Asst. Comr. ...	6	21	173	242	6	7	185	270
10	,, Ramrao Govind ...	Do. ..	1	...	36	56	.	..	37	56
11	,, H B. Fowler ...	Do. ...	2	7	170	386	10	21	182	414
12	,, Waman Narayan ...	Tahsildar, Chandur ...	...	...	381	659	...	..	381	659
13	,, Govindrauz	Do., Morsi ...	1	1	264	510	...	...	265	511
14	,, Dorabji Cowasji ...	Do., Murtazapur	3	2	426	692	..	.	429	694
15	,, Girrao Ramchandra ..	Do., Amraoti ..	1	1	486	1,028	7	21	494	1,050
16	,, Jowanrao Narsin ..	Naib-Tahsildar ..	1	1	7	18	...	...	8	19
17	,, Eknath Trimbuck ...	Do. ...	...	...	8	6	...	...	8	6
18	,, Daji Krishna ...	Do. ..	...	...	20	39	...	...	20	39
19	,, Venkatrao Malhar ...	Do. ...	2	1	18	49	.	...	20	50
20	,, Fateh Ali Khan ...	Special Magistrate ...	...	...	362	498	...	...	362	498
21	,, Syed Nasr-ud-Din ..	Do. ..	...	...	249	336	...	...	249	336
22	,, Sulciman Khan ...	Do. ...	...	...	153	255	...	...	153	255
23	,, Malhar Rao Sivaji ..	Do. ...	...	...	83	182	...	...	83	182
		Total ...	24	43	3,184	5,507	60	101	3,268	5,651
	ELLICHPUR DISTRICT.									
1	Major K J. L. Mackenzie ...	Deputy Commissioner.	1	5	60	144	12	22	73	171
2	,, H. DeP. Rennick	Asst. do. ..	.	..	178	228	9	15	187	243
3	Mr. Atmaram Bhikaji ...	Extra Asst. Comr. ...	...	...	49	70	...	...	49	70
4	,, Abdul Bari . .	Tahsildar, Ellichpur...	2	3	303	590	...	...	305	593
5	,, Govindrao Yeshwant	Do., Daryapur..	.	..	72	157	3	4	75	161
6	,, Sadashoo Bhashkar ...	Do., Melghat ...	...	.	24	48	...	...	24	48
7	,, Pareshram Ganesh ...	Off. Tahl., do. ...	...	.	52	84	...	...	52	84
8	,, Balkrishna Venkatesh	Naib-Tahl , Daryapur.	...		4	4	...	..	4	4
9	,, Bapurao Mukund ..	Naib-Tahl., Ellichpur.	3	17	5	11	...	.	8	, 28
10	,, Rao Bahadur Bhagwant Narhar .. .	Spl. Magr., Ellichpur.	...	...	432	681	.	...	432	681
11	,, Narayan Kesheorao ...	Do., Anjangaon.	...	.	335	617	...		335	617
12	,, Bhagwantrao Shankar ...	Do., Daryapur...	..	...	303	627	...		303	627
		Total ...	6	25	1,817	3,261	24	41	1,847	3,327
	WUN DISTRICT.									
1	Major H Szczepanski ...	Deputy Commissioner.	2	9	50	104	18	22	70	135
2	Mr. A. Elliott	Asst. do. ...	...	...	116	178	..		116	178
3	,, Mahomed Yasinkhan ..	Do. ...	...	...	1	3	..		1	3
4	,, Ambadas Santo ...	Tahsildar, Yeotmal...	3	8	133	224	1	1	137	233
5	,, Balkrishna Venkatesh ..	Offg. do. ..	...	...	58	100	..	...	58	100
6	,, Abdul Aziz	Tahsildar, Kelapur ...	1	1	212	316	...	...	213	317
7	,, Mubarak Ali ...	Do., Darwha ...	1	1	429	636	1	1	431	638
8	,, C. Seshachallam	Do., Wun ...	...	...	86	105	...	...	86	105
9	,, Ambadas Santo ..	Do., do. .	...		56	83	1	1	57	84
10	,, Trimback Ganesh ...	Naib-Tahl., Yeotmal ..	...	...	28	35	...		28	35
11	,, Purshotum Pandurang	Do., Kelapur ...	...	.	15	24	.	...	15	24
12	,, Govind Gangadhar ...	Do., Darwha ...	1	2	32	65	...	...	33	67
13	,, Baboorao Datatrya ...	Do , Wun ...	...	..	42	45	...	.	42	45
14	,, Mahomed Roshan Khan...	Special Magistrate ...		..	110	135	..	...	110	135
		Total . .	8	21	1,368	2,053	21	25	1,397	2,099
		Grand Total.. 1880...	65	138	14,154	22,711	269	496	14,488	23,345
		Grand Total.. 1879...	63	97	13,429	21,839	281	494	13,773	22,430

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Work performed by each Officer in the several Districts of the Hyderabad Assigned the year 1880—concluded.

Discharged without trial		Acquitted.		Convicted.		Committed to Sessions Court.		Referred for enhanced punishment.		Died, escaped or transferred		Total disposed of		Remaining at the end of the year.		Average number of days during which each case lasted		Remarks
Cases	Persons	Cases	Persons	Cases.	Persons.	Cases	Persons.	Cases	Persons.	Cases	Persons.	Cases.	Persons.	Cases	Persons.	Cognizable	Non-cognizable	
12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26	27	28	29	30
5	17	1	1	14	22	...	...	...	..	6	6	26	46	...	...	8·6	16	
14	18	3	6	35	43	1	7	...	...	19	42	72	116	...	...	9·5	54·	
5	13	...	..	1	1	...	...	...	...	6	8	12	22	3	...	8·5	...	
...	...	...	...	1	3	...	...	..	...	...	...	1	3	...	...	...	3	
11	15	12	13	67	94	...	...	1	1	1	1	92	124	...	..	10·	5·	
.	.	..	...	1	1	...	..	...	...	...	...	1	1	...	...	36·	...	
6	11	73	129	86	126	...	...	4	6	4	8	173	280	...	..	2·5	10·9	
2	4	3	9	6	7	...	...	..	...	1	...	12	20	...	...	7·5	10·7	
42	77	18	22	114	153	3	4	...	...	7	13	184	269	1	1	7·6	15·7	
8	14	6	8	17	19	2	11	...	...	4	4	37	56	...	..	15·4	11·4	
8	25	89	258	84	131	.	...	...	...	...	...	181	414	1	...	4·5	6·8	
22	56	148	309	205	286	.	...	...	...	4	4	379	655	2	4	4·7	6·8	
36	95	105	210	114	197	...	..	2	2	6	7	263	511	2	...	5·9	6·9	
9	18	138	299	274	366	...	...	1	4	2	2	424	689	5	5	3·3	9·2	
57	134	146	444	270	436	...	...	9	9	12	27	494	1,050	.		3·5	7·8	
..	...	2	4	6	15	...	...	...	..	...	...	8	19	...	.	11·	8·5	
..	...	4	2	4	4	...	...	...	..	..	.	8	6	..	.	5·5	9·	
2	3	15	30	3	6	...	..	...	...	...	..	20	39	..	..	12·	9·5	
...	..	12	35	8	15	...	..	...	...	...	...	20	50	...	...	3·	10·	
9	17	73	137	277	341	..	...	..	...	3	3	362	498	...	...	2·3	7·6	
6	8	56	105	187	223	...	...	...	...	...	...	249	336	...	...	1·	4·4	
5	14	45	88	97	137	...	...	...	...	5	15	172	254	1	1	2·7	10·	
1	1	30	78	50	95	...	..	...	...	..	...	81	174	2	8	5·6	6·6	
248	540	979	2,187	1,921	2,721	6	22	17	22	80	140	3,261	5,632	17	19	7·4	10·5	
16	80	4	13	34	52	1	1	...	...	18	25	73	171	...	...	5·5	8·8	
10	19	27	48	148	171	2	5	...	..	...	...	187	243	.	...	2·7	8·8	
3	5	14	29	32	36	.	...	...	..	...	...	49	70	...	...	3·7	6·2	
26	57	82	194	189	312	...	.	5	9	1	14	303	586	2	7	2·7	8·9	
8	26	15	46	50	87	...	.	2	2	...	..	75	161	...	..	3·5	9·5	
5	16	3	9	18	25	...	...	..		..	...	26	50		...	2·1	10·5	
3	6	5	9	42	67	...	...	...	...	..	...	50	82					
...	...	3	3	1	1	.	...		...	...	.	4	4	...	...	1·	8·3	
...	...	5	16	3	11	...	..	...	...	.	1	8	28	..	...	...	12·9	
22	33	138	308	267	332	...	...	3	3	1	2	431	678	1	3	1·4	6·8	
10	27	147	332	176	256	..	...	.	.	2	2	335	617	...	...	2·	7·8	
9	19	189	421	102	180	...	.	1	4	2	3	303	627		..	2·9	9·	
112	288	632	1,428	1,062	1,530	3	6	11	18	24	47	1,844	3,317	3	10	2·5	8·1	
19	26	3	4	32	67	...	..	...	...	16	38	70	135	..	...	4·1	10·2	
30	44	1	2	83	130	1	1	...	...	1	1	116	178	..	..	2·2	7·2	
1	3	.	...	...	...	...	..	.	...	...	...	1	3	...	...	6·	..	
11	20	38	83	84	126	...	...	...	...	4	4	137	223	...	...	4·6	4·7	
4	6	13	28	41	66	..	...	...	...	...	...	58	100	.	..	3·	4·6	
12	24	41	78	157	209	...	...	1	1	2	5	213	317	..	...	2·9	8·3	
38	73	75	128	311	429	...	..	4	5	2	2	430	637	1	1	3·2	9·7	
3	12	10	26	62	62	...	..	2	2	3	3	86	105	...	...	2·4	6·3	
2	5	14	22	38	54	...			...	3	3	57	84	...	...	2·2	4·2	
...	...	...	1	28	34	..	...	...	...	...	...	28	35	..	...	8·6	..	
...	1	5	9	10	11	...		...	...			15	24	...	..	2·3	3·5	
4	7	10	23	10	37	...	..	...	...	...	..	33	67		.	2·7	7·3	
1	1	6	9	35	35	...	...	...	...	...	..	42	45	..	...	1·3	6·1	
2	5	6	11	101	118	...	...	1	1	...	...	110	185	...	..	2·	5·	
127	227	228	424	1,001	1,381	1	1	8	9	31	56	1,396	2,998	1	1	2·5	5·5	
4,302	2,658	3,466	7,204	9,292	12,688	25	68	100	150	255	508	14,440	23,276	48	69	4·1	8·8	
4,275	2,605	3,278	6,882	8,742	12,095	27	46	132	221	254	443	13,708	22,292	65	138	3·	9·	

JUDICIAL STATEMENT No. XVII.-A.—(Criminal.)—*Statement showing in detail further particulars of Criminal work performed in the several Districts of the Hyderabad Assigned Districts during the year* 1880.

No.	Name of Court.		For disposal.								Disposed of.																			
			No. pending from last year.		Filed during the year.		Received by transfer.		Total.		Total No. disposed of during the year.		Percentage of Cases and Persons.										Average duration (in days).		No. disposed of by European Magistrates.		No. disposed of by Native Magistrates.		Average No. disposed of by each Officer.		Remarks.
													Discharged without trial.		Acquitted.		Convicted.		Committed to Sessions Court and those referred for enhanced punishment.		Died, escaped, or transferred.		In cognizable cases.	In non-cognizable cases.							
			Cases.	Persons.	Cases.	Persons.	Cases.	Persons.	Cases.	Persons.	Cases.	Persons.	Cases.	Persons.	Cases.	Persons.	Cases.	Persons.	Cases.	Persons.	Cases.	Persons.			Cases.	Persons.	Cases.	Persons.	Cases.	Persons.	
1	2		3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26	27	28	29	30	31
1	Akola	... ...	13	31	5,034	7,648	111	232	5,158	7,911	5,137	7,884	10·6	13·5	21·4	29·	65·4	53·9	·8	1·	1·8	2·6	6·	13·	991	1,342	4,146	6,542	223·4	342·8	
2	Buldana	... ...	8	12	1,366	2,062	25	41	1,399	2,115	1,396	2,109	10·2	13·8	22·3	22·5	65·3	61·1	1·5	1·6	·7	1·	3·4	8·1	170	370	1,226	1,739	139·1	210·3	
3	Basim	... ...	6	6	1,385	2,180	28	56	1,419	2,242	1,416	2,236	9·1	11·1	15·5	18·1	78·4	68·3	1·1	1·1	·9	1·4	3·1	7·7	169	296	1,247	1,940	108·9	172·	
4	Amraoti	... ...	24	43	3,184	5,507	60	101	3,268	5,651	3,251	5,632	7·6	9·6	30·1	38·9	59·1	48·4	·7	·6	2·5	2·5	7·4	10·5	292	601	2,959	5,031	141·3	200·9	
5	Ellichpur	... ...	6	25	1,817	3,261	24	41	1,847	3,327	1,844	3,317	6·1	8·7	34·3	43·1	57·6	46·1	·7	·7	1·3	1·4	2·5	8·1	260	414	1,584	3,903	167·	301·	
6	Wun	... ...	8	21	1,368	2,053	21	25	1,397	2,099	1,396	2,098	9·1	10·8	16·3	20·2	71·7	65·8	·1	·05	2·8	3·1	2·2	5·5	186	313	1,210	1,785	99·7	149·8	
	Total ...	1880 ...	65	138	14,154	22,711	269	496	14,488	23,345	14,440	23,276	9·	11·4	24·	31·	64·4	54·5	·8	·9	1·8	2·2	4·1	8·8	2,068	3,336	12,372	19,940	150·4	242·3	
		1879 ...	63	97	13,429	21,839	281	494	13,773	22,430	13,708	22,292	9·3	11·7	23·9	30·9	63·8	54·3	1·2	1·2	1·8	1·9	3·	9·	1,651	2,606	12,057	19,686	191·	262·	
	Court of Session ...	1880 ...	3	3	24	67	...	...	27	70	22	33	9·1	5·4	18·2	40·5	72·7	54·1	...	...	...	...	34·	...	22	38	...	...	22	38·	
		1879 ..	...	...	27	46	...	...	27	46	24	43	...	...	33·3	34·9	66·7	65·1	...	...	...	...	43·	...	24	43	...	...	24	43·	
	Grand Total ...	1880 ...	68	141	14,178	22,778	269	496	14,515	23,415	14,462	23,314	9·	11·4	24·	31·	64·4	54·5	·8	·9	1·8	2·2	8·4	8·8	2,090	3,374	12,372	19,940	149·	240·2	
		1879 ...	63	97	13,456	21,885	281	494	13,800	22,476	13,732	22,355	9·3	11·7	23·9	30·9	63·8	54·3	1·2	1·2	1·8	1·9	6·5	9·	1,675	2,649	12,057	19,686	160·	260·	

JUDICIAL STATEMENT No. XVIII.—(Criminal.)—*Statement of Criminal Cases filed and disposed of under Section 36 of Act X. of 1872 by the Deputy Commissioners, Hyderabad Assigned Districts, during the year 1880.*

No.	District.	No. of cases and persons: Remained from last year. Cases.	Persons.	Received during the year. Cases.	Persons.	Total. Cases.	Persons.	No. of cases. Tried during the year. Cases.	Persons.	Remaining at the close of the year. Cases.	Persons.	No of persons. Died.	Escaped or transferred.	Total number of cases tried.	Total number of persons tried.	Result of trials. Convicted. Cases.	Persons.	Discharged or acquitted in the foregoing cases. Cases.	Persons.	Acquitted. Persons.	Discharged. Cases.	Persons.	Penal results. Only fined.	Flogging only.	Imprisoned. To & under 6 months.	1 year.	2 years.	3 "	4 "	5 "	6 "	7 "	Total imprisoned	Transported beyond seas	Total punished.	Remarks.
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26	27	28	29	30	31	32	33	34	35	36	37
1	Akola ...	...	...	24	66	24	66	24	66	...	...	...	...	24	66	10	21	13	3	8	11	24	1	..	3	5	6	4	..	..	1	1	20	..	21	
2	Buldana ...	...	...	26	62	26	62	26	62	...	...	...	...	26	62	12	34	5	1	2	13	21	1	..	4	2	3	1	5	9	5	4	33	.	34	
3	Basim ...	1	1	30	56	31	57	30	56	1	1	...	...	30	56	23	48	.	2	2	5	6	1	..	11	14	2	7	.	2	...	11	47	.	48	
4	Amraoti ...	1	2	38	60	39	62	39	62	...	...	.	...	39	62	26	33	...	2	2	11	27	1	...	1	3	8	12	1	4	2	1	32	...	33	
5	Ellichpur ...	1	5	20	31	21	36	21	36	...	...	.	.	21	36	11	16	...	1	1	9	19	..	...	3	2	..	3	..	...	...	8	16	...	16	
6	Wun ...	2	9	16	33	18	42	18	42	...	...	..	..	18	42	12	30	..	..	..	6	12	...	...	5	...	..	12	.	11	...	2	30	...	30	
	Total 1880...	5	17	154	308	159	325	158	324	1	1	.	.	158	324	94	182	18	9	15	55	109	4	...	27	26	19	39	6	26	8	27	178	.	182	
	Total 1879...	3	3	152	326	155	329	148	306	5	17	1	5	148	306	90	177	31	2	8	56	90	18	..	32	20	9	58	1	13	2	23	158	1	177	

JUDICIAL STATEMENT No. XIX.—(Criminal)—*Statement of Sessions Cases filed and disposed of by the Judicial Commissioner, Hyderabad Assigned Districts, during the year* 1880,

Offences	Remaining from last year.		Received by transfer		Filed during the year		Total.		Decided								Pending.			Sentenced to be										Remarks.
									Convicted.		Acquitted in the foregoing.	Acquitted.		Transferred.		Total.				Transported for life	Imprisoned for 14 years and under.	10 "	7 "	5 "	4 "	3 "	2 "	1 "	Imprisoned for 6 months and under.	Total punished.	
	Cases	Persons.	Cases.	Persons.	Cases.	Persons	Cases.	Persons.	Cases.	Persons.	Persons.	Cases	Persons.	Cases.	Persons.	Cases.	Persons.	Cases.	Persons.	Hanged.											
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26	27	28	29	30	31	32	33
Murder and abetment of murder, 302, 109	3	3	...	...	17	36	20	39	12	16	3	6	15	...	...	18	34	2	5	1	12*	...	...	.	2	1	...	.	.	...	16	* Six of these were sentenced to be hanged but the sentence was commuted to transportation for life by the Resident as High Court.
Dakaiti with murder	...	...	..	..	...	..	...	...	...	...	...	...	..	...	...	...	...	.	.	..	...	...	.	..	...	...	...	.	...	...	...	
Culpable homicide, 304, 304-A	..	..	...	...	4	10	4	10	3	3	...	...	...	...	..	3	3	1	7	..	1	...	.	...	.	...	...	.	..	2	3	
Causing death by rash or negligent act	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	.	...		...	..		..	...	...	..	..	...	.	.	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	
Grievous hurt	...	..	...	...	...	...	.	...	...	..	...	.	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	.	..	.	.	...	...	..	...	..	
Concealment of birth by secret disposal of dead body	...	..	...	...	...	..	...	.	...		...	.	..	...	...	.	.	.	...	.	..	...	..	.	...	...	...	.	.	...	...	
Dakaiti 395, 397, 399	...	...	...	...	2	20	2	20	...		...	...	..	...		...	...	2	20	...	...	...	..	.	...	.	...	..	..	..	...	
Theft, 379	..	...	...	...	1	1	1	1	1	1	...	...	...	..	.	1	1	.			...	...	...	1	.	..	.	.	.	..	1	
Total 1880	3	3	...	...	24	67	27	70	16	20	3	6	15	..	.	22	38	5	32	1	13	...	..	1	2	1	...	...		2	20	
Total 1879	...	...	...	..	27	46	27	46	16	28	5	8	10	...	...	24	43	3	3	2	18	...	8	..			...	...	.	...	28	

The number of witnesses examined was 102, and the average duration of each case was 34 days.

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JUDICIAL STATEMENT No. XX.—(Criminal)—*Statement showing the average detention of Witnesses in Criminal Cases in the several Districts of the Hyderabad Assigned Districts during the year* 1880.

No.	Districts.	Number of witnesses who attended.	Period of detention. For 1 day.	2 days.	3 days.	4 days.	5 days.	6 days.	7 days.	8 days.	9 days.	10 days.	Up to one month.	Total.	Number of witnesses examined.	Number of witnesses allowed to go unexamined.
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17
1	Akola ...	15,293	12,145	2,454	410	152	69	15	10	19	...	19	...	15,293	9,519	5,774
2	Buldana..	4,388	3,065	765	275	140	95	13	4	10	...	17	4	4,388	3,389	999
3	Basim ...	5,019	3,802	767	258	146	21	2	12	4	7	...	.	5,019	3,687	1,332
4	Amraoti ..	10,143	7,867	1,689	405	119	54	..	5	4	..	.	..	10,143	7,443	2,700
5	Ellichpur..	5,952	5,180	675	69	24	4	...	..	...	...	.	.	5,952	4,062	1,890
6	Wun ...	4,966	4,486	373	87	16	4	..	.	...	...	...	...	4,966	3,612	1,354
Total..	1880	45,761	36,545	6,723	1,504	597	247	30	31	37	7	36	4	45,761	31,712	14,049
	1879	42,463	34,370	5,756	1,629	393	165	84	30	34		...	2	42,463	31,499	10,964

JUDICIAL STATEMENT No XXI.—(Criminal.)—*Statement showing the amount of Fines imposed and collected, &c., in the several Districts of the Hyderabad Assigned Districts during the year* 1880.

No.	Districts.	Balance at close of last year.	Fine imposed during the year.	Total.	Collected during the year.	Amount relinquished or refunded.	Amount paid by way of compensation.	Balance remaining at close of the year.
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
		Rs. a. p.	Rs. a. p.	Rs. a. p.	Rs. a. p.	Rs. a. p	Rs. a. p.	Rs. a. p
1	Akola ...	23 667 7 6	22,114 2 9	45,781 10 3	20,290 4 6	2,192 9 8	567 0 0	23,298 12 1
2	Buldana ...	9,760 14 7	13,907 5 4	23,668 3 11	9,968 14 0	686 6 11	970 0 2	13,012 15 0
3	Basim ...	6,693 8 1	15,361 7 0	22,054 15 1	10,384 11 7	1,148 9 0	1,108 2 11	10,521 10 6
4	Amraoti ...	15,647 2 2	21,717 5 0	37,364 7 2	18,771 13 3	817 4 9	1,974 14 6	17,775 5 2
5	Ellichpur ...	10,095 0 2	17,109 5 1	27,204 5 3	9,265 7 4	1,312 12 0	1,057 13 1	16,625 1 11
6	Wun ...	13,060 13 7	9,001 0 6	22,061 14 1	9,266 9 8	4,182 14 1	201 0 0	8,612 6 4
Total ...	1880	78,924 14 1	99,210 9 8	1,78,135 7 9	77,948 12 4	10,340 8 5	5,878 14 8	89,846 3 0
	1879	73,691 5 7	83,161 10 9	156,853 0 4	67,944 8 5	9,563 9 10	7,615 2 3	79,344 14 1

JUDICIAL STATEMENT No. XXII.—(Civil.)—*Statement showing the Castes of Litigants in the several Districts of the Hyderabad Assigned Districts during the year* 1880.

Number	Castes	Plaintiffs										Defendants										Remarks
		Akola	Buldana	Basim.	Amraoti	Ellichpur	Wun	Small Cause Court, Akola	Small Cause Court, Khamgaon	Small Cause Court, Amraoti	Total	Akola	Buldana	Basim	Amraoti	Ellichpur	Wun	Small Cause Court Akola	Small Cause Court Khamgaon	Small Cause Court, Amraoti	Total	
1	Christians	3	...	10	1		2	...	5	4	25	2	7	4	3	5	5	10	6	13	55	
2	Jews	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	1	
3	Kunbis (Malis)	586	304	316	640	392	340	361	147	280	3,360	2,049	952	1,111	1,746	1,035	583	792	386	864	9,518	
4	Marwadis	2,640	659	950	1,434	782	408	681	405	854	8,81.	265	63	106	235	102	41	113	63	116	1,109	
5	Brahmins	551	226	277	772	351	337	215	65	491	3,195	350	95	110	217	166	16	187	55	109	1,458	
6	Mussulmans	142	105	81	98	239	158	121	32	110	1,086	575	162	247	379	422	23	282	79	177	2,501	
7	Banjaras	3	8	19	8	..	6	7	1	2	54	15	26	28	24	9	3	12	2	1	156	
8	Baniahs	48	85	69	58	12	86	28	12	31	429	69	36	55	70	19	59	44	26	71	449	
9	Sonars (Kasars)	58	31	36	50	21	38	17	8	18	277	93	33	57	68	82	37	42	11	67	470	
10	Simpis	21	22	14	8	10	3	4	9	24	15	114	24	29	24	22	21	19	18	23	294	
11	Telis	72	17	12	48	20	54	23	3	34	283	192	78	104	156	123	75	117	26	117	988	
12	Weavers (Kostis)	2	...	11	29	36	16	...	...	14	111	15	14	6	52	70	31	3	3	20	254	
13	Carpenters	12	6	12	12	6	8	4	4	3	67	79	28	42	64	35	44	19	15	35	361	
14	Dhers	48	3	9	15	4	20	4	1	7	111	359	97	115	150	89	144	245	83	93	1,383	
15	Beldars	5	1	4	4	1	3	...	1	2	21	24	3	16	19	2	36	5	6	10	121	
16	Gonds (Korkus)	1	...	...	3	7	14	...	...	...	25	23	3	4	21	87	112	...	...	4	214	
17	Kallals	11	3	77	85	22	26	13	4	5	246	21	11	32	41	46	93	10	3	24	281	
18	Rajputs	64	30	69	37	45	30	32	3	31	341	130	49	20	70	72	26	41	11	82	501	
19	Hatgars	...	1	4	...	...	3	1	..	..	9	16	3	31	...	15	15	8	...	...	88	
20	Parsis	3	1	11	2	...	1	9	...	...	27	1	...	1	1	...	...	...	2	4	9	
21	Gowlis	6	3	9	1	9	8	1	...	3	40	27	10	39	8	23	7	8	2	7	131	
22	Cobblers	5	2	...	1	2	...	...	3	...	13	64	15	18	19	10	7	20	6	8	167	
23	Vidurs	23	5	17	15	6	9	42	7	23	147	36	14	19	29	13	21	10	4	48	194	
24	Jains	16	...	33	61	3	2	2	17	19	153	1	...	24	18	2	10	3	4	5	67	
25	Sikhs	...	...	...	2	...	2	...	...	...	4	...	1	...	2	...	2	...	...	...	5	
26	Manbhaos	...	3	1	4	1	2	1	...	3	15	...	...	1	6	1	2	...	...	5	15	
27	Dhangars	8	2	4	12	10	2	2	1	25	66	92	16	35	54	32	14	39	10	67	359	
28	Pardhis	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	2	...	2	13	2	...	...	2	1	3	7	1	29	
29	Phasay Pardhis	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	
30	Mangs	...	...	2	...	...	2	...	...	2	6	16	10	17	6	7	19	4	...	23	102	
31	Other castes	491	281	337	232	366	392	350	60	465	2,944	706	269	369	606	597	433	467	111	648	4,206	
	Total 1880	4,789	1,798	2,384	3,632	2,348	1,972	1,918	790	2,360	21,991	5,347	2,021	2,645	4,089	3,028	2,287	2,503	939	2,687	25,546	
	Total 1879	3,575	2,032	2,072	3,202	2,660	1,609	1,607	658	2,128	19,543	3,744	2,325	2,270	3,704	3,129	1,93.	2,119	828	2,376	22,436	

JUDICIAL STATEMENT No. XXIII.—(Civil.)—*Statement of value and cost of original Suits decided in the several Districts of the Hyderabad Assigned Districts during the year* 1880.

1	2	3	4			5			6			7			8			9			10			11			12			13			14			15
Number.	Districts	Number of suits disposed of, and their value.				Total costs of suits disposed of									Average cost in each suit decided									Percentage of cost to value of cases decided									Average value of suits disposed of.			Remarks
		Cases	Value.			Necessary			Voluntary.			Total			Necessary.			Voluntary.			Total			Necessary.			Voluntary.			Total						
			Rs.	a.	p.	Rs.	a	p.	Rs.	a.	p.	Rs.	a.	p.	Rs	a	p.	Rs	a	p	Rs	a	p	Rs	a	p.	Rs	a	p	Rs	a	p.	Rs	a	p	
1	Akola ...	4,318	6,11,897	9	7	59,677	11	2	22,710	4	1	81,337	15	3	13	11	3	5	4	10	19	0	1	9	9	5	3	11	4	13	4	9	142	14	1	
2	Buldana ...	1,812	1,74,850	9	11	20,238	1	1	7,921	7	10	28,159	8	11	11	2	8	4	5	11	15	8	7	11	9	2	4	8	6	16	1	8	96	13	4	
3	Basim ...	2,313	1,69,432	8	10	20,984	13	0	5,985	8	1	26,970	5	1	9	1	2	2	9	4	11	10	6	12	6	2	3	8	6	15	14	8	74	6	1	
4	Amraoti ...	3,535	3,68,630	14	3	42,820	3	9	13,416	9	8	56,236	13	5	12	1	9	3	12	9	15	14	6	11	9	10	3	10	3	15	4	1	105	6	2	
5	Ellichpur ...	2,220	2,44,918	4	6	28,985	11	0	13,028	7	3	42,014	2	3	13	0	11	5	13	10	18	14	9	11	13	4	5	5	1	17	2	5	110	5	2	
6	Wun ...	1,921	1,57,246	11	9	16,839	9	0	1,792	14	3	18,632	7	3	8	12	3	0	14	11	9	11	2	10	11	4	1	2	3	11	13	7	82	12	11	
	Total { 1880 ..	16,119	17,26,976	10	10	1,88,546	1	0	64,855	3	2	2,53,401	4	2	11	11	2	4	0	4	15	11	6	10	14	8	3	12	1	14	10	9	108	3	2	
	Total { 1879 .	14,142	15,84,772	8	3	1,75,263	14	2	60,265	7	7	2,35,529	5	9	12	6	4	4	4	2	16	10	6	11	0	11	3	12	10	14	13	9	113	7	6	
	Small Cause Courts.																																			
1	Akola ...	1,913	1,30,298	7	2	14,512	10	9	935	12	0	15,448	6	9	7	9	3	0	7	9	8	1	0	11	2	2	0	11	6	11	13	8	68	2	11	
2	Khamgaon ..	782	63,211	4	10	7,839	7	6	435	0	0	8,274	7	6	10	0	4	0	8	11	10	9	3	12	6	5	0	11	0	13	1	5	81	3	11	
3	Amraoti ...	2,260	1,75,483	15	3	24,684	13	0	867	13	0	25,552	10	0	10	14	9	0	6	-2	11	4	11	14	1	1	0	7	11	14	9	0	77	10	4	
	Total { 1880 .	4,955	3,68,993	11	3	47,036	15	3	2,238	9	0	49,275	8	3	9	7	10	0	7	3	9	15	1	12	11	11	0	9	8	13	5	7	74	8	11	
	Total { 1879...	4,218	3,28,593	14	8	41,514	13	1	2,039	2	0	43,553	15	1	9	13	6	0	7	8	10	5	2	12	10	2	0	9	11	13	4	1	78	0	6	
	Grand { 1880...	*21,074	20,95,970	6	1	2,35,583	0	3	67,093	12	2	3,02,676	12	5	11	2	10	3	2	11	14	5	9	11	3	10	3	3	2	14	7	0	100	3	10	* Includes 164 suits re-instituted
	Total { 1879...	18,360	19,13,366	6	11	2,16,778	11	3	62,304	9	7	2,79,083	4	10	11	12	11	3	6	3	15	3	2	11	5	3	3	4	1	14	9	4	105	3	11	

JUDICIAL STATEMENT No. XXIV.—(Civil.)—*Statement showing the Civil Work performed by*

No.	Name of Officer.	Designation.	For disposal.				Disposed of.						
			No. of suits pending from last year.	No. filed during the year.	Received by transfer.	Total.	Transferred.	Decreed on confession.	Decreed ex parte.	Contested.	Dismissed, withdrawn, or compromised, &c.	Decreed by arbitration.	Total.
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14
	AKOLA DISTRICT.												
1	Mr. E. J. Kitts ...	Offg. Deputy Comr.	11	2	...	13	3	...	...	2	1	...	6
2	Major J. FitzGerald ...	Do.	...	3	...	3	3	...	...	6	..	...	9
3	Mr. E. J. Kitts ...	Asst. Commissioner	...	...	2	2	...	...	1	1	...	...	2
4	„ R. D. Hare ...	Do.	...	10	39	49	14	10	1	10	4	...	39
5	„ Bahmanji Jamasji	Do.	2	170	5	177	99	28	1	23	21	5	177
6	„ A. J. Dunlop ...	Do.	26	115	13	154	22	30	9	59	31	3	154
7	„ Edalji Bahmanji...	Do.	82	81	368	531	1	169	67	177	99	6	519
8	„ A. J. Dunlop ...	Asst. Comr., Arguon	523	488	...	1,011	...	80	39	61	97	...	277
9	„ Keshoo Mahipat...	Extra do., do.	...	2,608	69	2,677	350	1,072	466	583	468	1	2,942
10	„ Trimbak Yeshwant	Do.	...	...	...	...	...	36	13	18	20	...	87
11	„ Bhaskar Maheshwar	Tahsildar ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
12	„ Ardesar Dinsaji...	Do. ...	...	582	...	582	69	273	25	77	136	2	582
13	„ Trimbakrao Yeshwant	Do. ...	...	35	75	110	...	8	3	42	42	...	95
		Total ...	641	4,096	571	5,309	571	1,706	625	1,059	911	17	4,889
	BULDANA DISTRICT.												
1	Colonel J. T. Bushby...	Deputy Commissioner..	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
2	Major R. S. Thompson	Offg. Deputy Commr....	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
3	Mr. A. J. Dunlop ...	Do. do. ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
4	Major R. S. Thompson	Asst. Commissioner ...	142	584	...	726	...	180	92	213	129	8	622
5	Mr. Purshotamrao Narayan	Extra Asst. Commr. ...	80	1,127	...	1,207	...	501	272	118	299	...	1,190
6	„ Saadat Mir Khan	Tahsildar, Chikhli ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
7	„ Hanmant Ramchandra	Tahsildar, Mekhar ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
8	„ Edalji Jamsetji ...	Offg. Tahsildar, Mekhar	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
9	„ Sadasheo Bhaskar	Do. do. ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
10	„ Parashram Ganesh	Do. do. ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
11	„ Trimbakrao Yeshwant	Tahsildar, Malkapur..	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
12	„ Ramchandra Appaji	Offg. Tahsildar, do. ..	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
13	„ Shapurji Virji ...	Do. do. ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
		Total ...	222	1,711	...	1,933		681	364	331	428	8	1,812
	BASIM DISTRICT.												
1	Mr. H. B. Knowlys ...	Offg. Depy. Commr. ...	...	1	1	2	...	...	...	2	...	...	2
2	Major A. Farrer ...	Do. ...	...	1	3	4	2	...	...	...	...	...	2
3	Mr. R. D. Hare ...	Asst. Commissioner ...	...	12	51	63	8	15	6	15	19	...	63
4	„ H. FitzPatrick ...	Extra Asst. Commr. ...	...	290	4	294	...	87	19	67	56	...	229
5	„ Bapuji Rangnath ...	Do.	35	856	6	897	56	291	65	275	186	5	878
6	„ Badr-ud-Din ...	Tahsildar, Pusad ...	30	691	...	721	...	272	8	66	348	1	695
7	„ Lakshman Balaram ...	Do., Mangrul ...	6	515	1	522	...	261	6	139	104	...	510
		Total ...	71	2,366	66	2,503	66	926	104	564	713	6	2,379
	AMRAOTI DISTRICT.												
1	Lieut.-Col. H. C. Menzies	Deputy Commissioner.	3	2	...	5	..	...	...	...	5	...	5
2	Mr. H. S. Nicholetts ...	Offg. Depty Commr. ...	...	6	...	6	...	...	...	...	1	...	1
3	„ Do. ...	Asst. Commissioner ...	1	...	...	1	...	...	...	1	...	...	...
4	„ Mahomed Yasin Khan	Do. ...	2	3	7	12	11	1	...	...	...	...	12
5	„ C. Bhimrao ...	Attache ...	29	1,238	...	1,267	28	453	129	294	268	1	1,163
6	„ T. Rangrao ...	Do. ...	26	273	30	329	25	106	36	104	58	...	329
7	„ Srikrishna Narhar	Extra Asst. Commr. ...	8	93	18	121	1	21	4	67	14	1	102
8	„ Ramrao Govind ...	Do. ...	68	1,459	2	1,529	...	648	262	358	194	2	1,464
9	„ H. B. Fowler ...	Do. ...	7	45	9	61	1	13	2	31	10	...	57
10	„ Waman Narayan	Tahsildar ...	2	471	...	473	...	124	64	117	161	1	467
		Total ...	146	3,595	66	3,807	66	1,366	497	956	711	5	3,601
	ELLICHPUR DISTRICT.												
1	Major K. J. L. Mackenzie	Deputy Commissioner.	1	1	...	2	...	...	...	1	1	...	2
2	„ H. DeP. Rennick	Asst. Commissioner ...	12	34	123	169	...	60	7	28	24	..	119
3	Mr. Atmaram Bhikaji	Extra Asst. Commr. ...	135	1,552	2	1,689	124	530	222	426	190	5	1,497
4	„ Govindrao Yeshwant	Tahsildar, Daryapur ...	91	592	1	684	2	285	53	225	64	1	649
5	„ Sadashee Bhaskar	Do., Melghat ...	...	32	...	32	...	13	...	4	11	...	28
6	„ Parashram Ganesh	Offg. Tahsildar, do. ...	...	47	...	47	...	23	6	9	13	...	51
		Total ...	239	2,258	126	2,623	126	911	287	693	323	6	2,346
	WUN DISTRICT.												
1	Major H. Szczepanski	Deputy Commissioner.	...	1	5	6	...	1	2	2	1	...	6
2	Mr. A. Elliott ...	Asst. do. ...	29	552	51	632	37	144	47	291	76	...	595
3	„ Mahomed Yasin Khan	Do. ...	...	91	29	120	34	38	4	21	23	...	120
4	„ Ambadas Santo ...	Tahsildar, Yeotmal ...	6	214	...	220	22	80	18	30	70	...	220
5	„ Balkrishna Venkatesh	Do., do. ...	...	77	8	85	...	39	7	30	6	...	82
6	„ Abdul Aziz ...	Do., Kelapur ...	11	316	...	327	...	144	21	54	102	...	321
7	„ Mubarak Ali ...	Do., Darwha ...	3	409	...	412	...	163	10	125	111	...	409
8	„ C. Seshachalam ...	Do., Wun ...	3	204	...	207	5	95	11	37	59	...	207
9	„ Ambadas Santo ...	Do. ...	...	54	5	59	...	23	8	19	9	...	59
		Total ...	52	1,918	98	2,068	98	727	128	609	457	...	2,019
	SMALL CAUSE COURT.												
1	Mr. Bahmanji Jamasji	Judge, Akola ...	56	1,902	1	1,959	...	676	59	746	427	5	1,913
2	„ A. J. Dunlop ...	Do., Khamgaon ...	107	569	...	676	...	212	90	225	109	3	639
3	„ Bahmanji Jamasji	Do., do. ...	...	206	...	206	...	49	12	63	18	1	143
4	Major F. W. Grant ...	Do., Amraoti ...	59	2,374	...	2,433	...	700	406	744	405	5	2,260
		Total ...	222	5,051	1	5,274	...	1,637	567	1,778	959	14	4,955
		Grand Total ... (1880	1,596	20,993	928	23,517	927	7,954	2,573	5,990	4,502	56	22,001
		(1879	1,370	18,586	1,243	21,199	1,243	6,488	2,192	5,498	4,125	67	19,603

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each Officer in the several Districts of the Hyderabad Assigned Districts during the year 1880.

No. of suits pending at end of the year.	Average duration of suits.		Miscellaneous cases.																Remarks.
			Pending from last year.				Filed during the year.				Total for disposal.	Disposed of				Pending at end of the year			
	Contested.	Uncontested.	Applications for execution of decrees.	Claims to attached property.	Other applications.	Total.	Applications for execution decrees.	Claims to attached property.	Other applications.	Total.		Applications for execution decrees.	Claims to attached property.	Other applications.	Total.	Applications for execution decrees.	Claims to attached property.	Other applications.	Total.	
15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26	27	28	29	30	31	32	33	34	35
.	95	...	6	...	4	10	...	...	5	5	15	5	...	4	9	...	..	..	...	
1	168	...	...	...	...	...	5	1	15	21	21	3	1	19	23	3	...	1	4	
..	202	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	..	..	...	...	...	...	
10	66	68	...	...	..	..	35	3	.	38	38	20	3	...	23	15	...	...	15	
...	177	88	...	...	..	..	180	13	104	297	297	180	13	104	297	...	...	...	...	
.	126	90	68	1	1	70	121	13	190	324	394	189	14	191	394	...	...	...	...	
12	174	123	189	4	11	204	495	35	121	653	857	416	30	119	571	278	3	5	286	
382	96	71	659	30	48	737	167	22	8	197	934	212	...	28	240	...	...	..	...	
	128	24	...	...	...	..	2,189	225	453	2,867	2,867	2,062	243	425	2,750	721	34	56	811	
...	25	23	...	...	...	...	...	.	..	...	...	...	...	..	...	...	...	...	...	
...	.	.	19	...	...	19	...	.	20	20	39	8	...	18	26	11	...	2	13	
.	75	34	...	...	...	...	121	6	8	135	135	121	6	8	135	...	...	..	...	
..	52	41	...	...	...	...	90	17	5	118	118	44	13	5	62	52	4	...	56	
420	126	41	951	35	54	1,040	3,409	335	931	4,675	5,715	3,280	329	921	4,530	1,080	41	64	1,185	
..	...	...	2	1	12	15	1	3	250	263	278	1	4	273	278	...	...	...	...	
..	.	...	...	...	...	...	1	1	64	66	66	1	1	54	56	...	...	...	...	
..	...	...	...	...	...	...	2	1	121	128	128	2	1	131	134	2	...	2	4	
104	102·9	58	217	10	9	236	584	48	1,424	2,056	2,292	668	53	1,424	2,145	123	5	9	147	
17	63·4	19	190	4	11	207	732	62	767	1,556	1,763	754	63	764	1,581	168	5	9	182	
..	..	..	...	..	..	...	...	...	76	76	76	...	...	75	75	...	...	1	1	
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121	89	30	410	18	32	460	1,327	115	2,710	4,152	4,612	1,434	123	2,721	4,278	303	10	21	334	
...	40	...	7	...	17	24	1	...	309	310	334	8	...	326	334	...	...	...	...	
2	27·6	16·9	10	...	...	16	17	...	16	33	43	27	...	16	43	...	...	22	27	
...	30·2	20	...	...	...	...	22	3	113	138	138	2	...	105	107	20	3	8	31	
65	66·3	23·3	114	3	10	127	558	61	16	635	762	537	62	26	625	135	2	..	137	
19	79	27	19	...	...	19	175	18	267	461	480	168	16	223	407	26	3	44	73	
26	52	20	17	...	...	17	230	12	300	542	559	208	12	293	513	39	...	7	46	
12	59	23	167	3	27	197	1,008	95	1,076	2,170	2,376	950	90	1,022	2,062	225	6	81	314	
...	...	52	4	...	90	94	..	..	373	373	467	4	...	463	467	...	...	...	...	
5	...	80	...	...	...	...	7	2	1,426	1,435	1,435	6	2	1,357	1,365	1	...	69	70	
..	114	...	1	...	..	1	..	...	4	4	5	1	...	4	5	...	...	..	...	
..	...	17	...	...	...	...	40	4	1	45	45	40	4	1	45	...	...	...	...	
104	46	24·5	178	16	15	209	1,09 9	140	144	1,293	1,502	972	138	157	1,267	215	18	2	235	
...	96·5	19	16	2	1	19	197	25	29	251	270	213	27	30	270	...	...	...	...	
22	52	24	42	..	..	42	235	72	112	419	461	185	70	109	362	94	2	3	99	
65	43	18·5	196	12	13	223	1,038	105	1,308	2,451	2,674	1,015	101	1,286	2,402	221	16	35	272	
4	67·5	25	27	1	4	32	90	16	10	116	148	82	12	12	106	35	5	2	42	
6	32	22	13	1	...	14	192	9	151	352	366	174	10	151	335	31	.	...	31	
206	50	22	479	32	123	634	2,808	373	3,558	6,739	7,373	2,090	364	3,570	6,024	597	41	111	749	
...	242	29	10	.	54	64	3	.	405	408	472	7	..	417	424	6	...	42	48	
50	89·1	78·3	54	1	10	65	151	18	126	295	360	154	7	122	283	51	12	14	77	
192	77·9	32·9	816	5	57	878	1,330	108	1,439	2,877	3,755	1,336	111	1,477	2,924	810	2	119	931	
35	70	46	77	1	38	116	543	33	406	982	1,098	569	34	430	1,033	51	...	14	65	
.	32	15	2	...	...	2	6	...	...	6	8	4	...	...	4	3	...	...	3	
.			...	..	...	...	17	1	...	18	18	18	1	...	19	...	...	...	..	
277	75	37	959	7	159	1,125	2,050	160	2,376	4,586	5,711	2,088	153	2,346	4,587	921	14	189	1,124	
...	61·5	16	3	...	6	9	3	1	239	243	252	3	.	239	242	8	1	6	10	
37	27·5	17·6	197	3	60	260	468	53	821	1,342	1,602	434	56	869	1,359	231	.	12	243	
...	32·5	25 4	...	...	...	.	..	...	...	...	.	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	
...	30·9	20 6	18	1	1	20	86	11	42	139	159	104	12	43	159	...	..	...	...	
3	28·5	20 7	...	..	..	...	42	1	20	63	63	19	1	20	40	23	...	...	23	
6	41·1	19·1	6	...	1	7	122	3	150	275	282	113	3	130	246	15	...	21	36	
3	27·1	15 5	31	...	...	31	280	21	267	568	59	238	21	267	526	73	...	...	73	
...	25·4	15·3	8	.	...	8	120	8	96	224	232	128	8	96	232	...	...	...	...	
...	25	16·2	...	..	...	..	57	7	25	89	89	43	7	23	73	14	...	2	16	
49	29	18	263	4	68	335	1,178	105	1,660	2,943	3,278	1,082	106	1,687	2,877	359	1	41	401	
46	19·1	19·9	77	1	3	81	1,020	34	843	1,897	1,978	1,002	35	824	1,861	93	...	23	117	
100	43 7	29·	146	2	7	155	516	34	388	936	1,249	527	38	392	954	95	...	...	95	
	18 1	19 8					109	1	48	158		149	2	49	200					
173	18 5	16·5	145	1	14	160	1,835	78	1,604	3,517	3,677	1,778	75	1,613	3,463	205	4	5	214	
319	22	19	368	4	24	396	3,480	147	2,881	6,508	6,904	3,153	147	2,878	6,478	393	4	27	426	
1,516	50·	29	3,597	103	467	4,167	15,260	1,330	15,192	31,782	35,969	14,977	1,314	15,145	31,436	3,890	119	534	4,533	
1,596	72·	26	2,863	76	533	3,472	12,551	948	14,538	28,037	31,509	11,817	921	14,584	27,322	3,597	103	487	4,187	

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JUDICIAL STATEMENT No. XXIV.-A.—(Civil.)—*Statement showing in detail further particulars of Civil Work performed in the several Districts of the Hyderabad Assigned Districts during the year* 1880.

Number.	Districts	For disposal.				Disposed of.															
							Percentage of cases									Percentage of contested cases decided in favour of Plaintiff to the Number contested	Average duration.		No of cases decided by European Judges	No of cases decided by Native Judges.	Average number of cases decided by officers of each grade.
		Suits remaining from last year.	Instituted during the year	Received by transfer	Total	Total number of suits decided during the year, exclusive of cases transferred to other Courts	Dismissed for default	Withdrawn with leave	Compromised	Decreed on confession	Decreed *ex parte*	Dismissed *ex parte*	By arbitration	Contested and decided in favour of Plaintiff	Contested and decided in favour of Defendant		In contested cases	In uncontested cases			
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22
1	Akola	644	4,094	571	5,309	4,818	3·	2·4	15·5	39·5	14·4	·2	·3	20·6	4·1	83 2	126·	41·	445	3,873	431
2	Buldana	222	1,711	.	1,933	1,812	·5	·7	22·4	37 6	20·1	·1	·4	15 7	2 5	86 1	89·	30	622	1,190	906
3	Basim	71	2,366	66	2,503	2,313	9·	2 3	19·1	40	1·5	4	·3	17·5	6 9	71 7	59	23	280	2,027	385·5
4	Amraoti	146	3,595	66	3,807	3,585	7 4	1·4	10·9	38 6	14 1	·5	1	20·9	6·1	77 4	50·	22	63	3,472	392 8
5	Ellichpur	239	2,259	126	2,623	2,220	2·3	·9	10·9	41	12 9	5	3	23·6	7·6	31·8	75	37	121	2,099	444
6	Wun .. .	52	1,918	98	2,068	1,921	7·4	5	12 8	37·8	6·7	3 1	...	22·	9 7	69·5	29·	18	564	1,357	213·4
	Total ... {1880	1,374	15,942	927	18,243	16,119	4·4	1·6	15·2	39 3	12 4	·7	·2	20·1	6·1	77 2	74	30	2,101	14.018	383 8
	Total ... {1879	1,126	14,391	1,242	16,759	14,142	5·4	1·5	15 7	36 5	11 6	·5	·4	21·3	7·1	73·2	59	28·	1,386	12,756	354
	Small Cause Courts.																				
1	Akola	56	1,902	1	1,959	1,913	1 6	1·9	18·4	35 3	3·1	·3	·2	36·1	3 1	92	19 1	19 9		1,918	1,9 3
2	Khamgaon	107	775	...	882	782	·2	·7	14·9	33·3	13·	·2	·5	31 7	2 5	93·1	37·3	27 7	639	143	391
3	Amraoti ...	59	2,374	...	2,433	2,260	4 4	2·1	10·5	31·	18	2	·3	26·5	7·	78·4	18·5	16·5	1,719	541	565
	Total ... {1880 .	222	5,051	1	5,274	4,955	2 8	1·9	14 2	33·2	11 4	·2	·2	31·5	4 6	87·	22·	19	2,358	2,597	707·9
	Total ... {1879..	241	4,195	1	4,440	4,218	2·5	3 5	14·4	31·3	12 9	3	·3	26·6	6·2	83·	22·	22	2,579	1,639	1,406
	Grand Total... {1880	1,596	20,993	928	23,517	21,074	4·4	1 7	14 7	37·7	12·2	·6	·3	22 7	5·7	80·1	59·	28	4,459	16,615	430
	Grand Total... {1879	1,370	18,586	1,243	21,199	18,360	4·7	1 9	15 4	35 3	11 9	·5	4	23	6 9	78	72·	26·	3,965	14,395	434

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JUDICIAL STATEMENT No. XXV.—(Civil.)—*Statement showing litigation regarding Survey Nos. in the Hyderabad Assigned Districts during the year* 1880.

Districts.	Suits relating to Survey Nos. included in column 20, Judicial Statement B.-VI					Suits to declare or establish right in survey Nos. included in column 22, Judicial Statement B.-VI.
	Suits to recover possession under Sections 8 and 9 of the Special Relief Act.	Other suits between parties claiming as proprietors.	Other suits between the proprietors of survey Nos. and sub-tenants.	Suits not included in the foregoing columns.	Total number of suits.	
Akola	10	149	24	111	294	13
Buldana ..	6	80	8	97	141	11
Basim	14	17	17	30	78	8
Amraoti ..	34	122	46	20	222	33
Ellichpur ...	1	16	32	34	83	24
Wun	3	13	14	9	39	4
Total ... 1880	68	347	141	301	857	93
Total ... 1879	87	221	151	324	783	71

N. B.—The word proprietor in this statement to be understood as including co-occupants and co-sharers as well as khatedars.

JUDICIAL STATEMENT No. XXV-*A.*—(Civil)—*Statement showing the disposal of land or other immoveable property under Sections* 321 *and* 322, *of the Code of Civil Procedure in the Hyderabad Assigned Districts for the year* 1880.

No.	Districts	Number of instances in which land paying revenue to Government was attached	Number of instances in which immoveable property was dealt with under Section 321 of the Code of Civil Procedure.	Number of instances in which the Deputy Commissioner as Collector took steps under Section 322 of the Code of Civil Procedure.					No. of instances in which the sales of land recommended.		No. of instances in which the sales actually took place		Period for which the temporary alienation was made.					Remarks
				A.	B.	C	D	E	Self acquired	Ancestral	Self acquired	Ancestral	For 1 year and under	For 3 years and under.	For 5 years and under.	For 10 years and under.	Above 10 and not exceeding 20 years	
1	2	3	4	5					6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15.
1	Akola ...	234	1	55	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	3	11	18	22	1	
2	Buldana ...	71	10	...	...	...	2	...	1	3	1	1	...	...	2	...	...	
3	Basim ...	31	74	..	...	...	1	...	12	39	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	
4	Amraoti ...	131	69	...	...	...	2	17	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	1	...	
5	Ellichpur ..	131	...	2	...	...	7	...	8	3	...	...	2	...	1	5	2	
6	Wun... ...	77	4	1	...	...	...	...	5	2	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	
	Total ... 1880	675	149	59	...	...	12	17	26	47	2	1	5	12	22	29	3	
	Total ... 1879	906	6	11	16	27	89	33	47	40	23	3	4	28	20	41	7	

JUDICIAL STATEMENT No. XXVI.—(Civil.)—*Statement showing the number of Civil Debtors imprisoned and released in the several Districts of the Hyderabad Assigned Districts during the year* 1880.

Districts.	Remained from last year.	Imprisoned during the year.	Total.	Released during the year.	Remaining at the close of the year.	Number in prison for more than six months.
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
1. Akola	4	64	68	62	6	
2. Buldana	3	20	23	21	2	
3. Basim	3	12	15	12	3	
4. Amraoti	5	46	51	49	2	
5. Ellichpur	3	43	46	35	11	
6. Wun	1	12	13	11	2	
Total ...	19	197	216	190	26	
Small Cause Courts.						
1. Akola	1	12	13	12	1	
2. Khamgaon	...	12	12	11	1	
3. Amraoti	...	10	10	10	...	
Total ...	1	34	35	33	2	
Grand Total ... 1880....	20	231	251	223	28	
Grand Total ... 1879....	10	204	214	194	20	

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JUDICIAL STATEMENT No. XXVII.—(Civil.)—*Statement showing the amounts realized under different heads of the Court Fees Act in the several Districts of the Hyderabad Assigned Districts during the year* 1880.

Districts.	Amount realized on account of Court Fees. In labels. Civil.	Criminal.	Revenue.	Total.	Amount realized on account of Process Fees. In labels. Civil.	Criminal.	Revenue.	Total.	Grand total of columns 5 and 9.	Total cost of Process Service Establishment.
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11
	Rs. a. p.	Rs a p.	Rs. a. p	Rs. a. p.	Rs. a. p.	Rs. a. p	Rs. a p.	Rs. a. p.	Rs. a. p.	Rs. a. p.
1. Akola	46,693 6 0	2.677 11 0	2,329 11 0	51,700 12 0	12,822 1 0	3,604 12 0	461 11 0	16,888 8 0	68,589 4 0	12,107 13 5
2. Buldana .	15,473 2 0	992 2 0	2,015 11 0	18,481 6 0	5,332 11 0	779 8 0	410 6 0	6,522 9 0	25,003 15 0	4,792 5 9
3. Basim ...	16,760 3 0	558 8 0	913 13 0	18,232 8 0	5,717 0 0	553 8 0	39 12 0	6,310 4 0	24,542 12 0	4,521 6 5
4. Amraoti ..	38,368 4 0	2,914 6 0	2,474 11 0	43,757 5 0	13,467 8 0	3,157 12 0	174 12 0	16,800 0 0	60,557 5 0	10,714 10 5
5. Ellichpur ...	26,820 12 0	1,298 10 0	2,061 7 0	30,180 13 0	9,073 14 0	1,819 6 0	104 12 0	10,998 0 0	41,178 13 0	7,748 3 8
6. Wun ..	13,021 0 0	562 10 0	883 11 0	14,472 5 0	4,516 6 0	519 2 0	81 4 0	5,116 12 0	19,589 1 0	4,451 5 9
Total ...	1,57,136 11 0	9,004 6 0	10,684 0 0	1,76,825 1 0	50,929 8 0	10,434 0 0	1,272 9 0	62,636 1 0	2,39,461 2 0	44,335 13 5
Small Cause Courts.										
1. Akola ..	11,913 8 0	...	...	11,913 8 0	4,778 0 0	...	...	4,778 0 0	16,691 8 0	2,156 1 8
2. Khamgaon ..	5,828 6 0	...	...	5,828 6 0	2,464 14 0	.	...	2,464 14 0	8,293 4 0	2,088 14 11
3. Amraoti ...	17,961 1 0	..	...	17,961 1 0	6,432 8 0	...	...	6,432 8 0	24,393 9 0	4,415 2 6
Total ..	35,702 15 0	...	..	35,702 15 0	13,675 6 0	...	...	13,675 6 0	49,378 5 0	8,660 3 1
1. Judicial Commissioner's Court .	6,499 5 0	57 1 0	...	6,556 6 0	217 9 0	...	...	217 9 0	6,773 15 0	...
Total ... 1880 .	1,99,338 15 0	9,061 7 0	10,684 0 0	2,19,084 6 0	64,822 7 0	10,434 0 0	1,272 9 0	76,529 0 0	2,95,613 5 0	52,996 0 6
1879	1,88,029 3 0	9,030 9 0	14,766 0 0	2,11,825 12 0	59,402 3 0	10,130 15 0	1,351 8 0	70,884 10 0	2,82,710 6 0	51,465 5 0

JUDICIAL STATEMENT No. XXVIII.—(Civil.)—*Statement of processes issued and the amount realized and expended in the several Districts of the Hyderabad Assigned Districts in the year* 1880.

Districts.	No. of processes issued.	Amount realized on account of processes.	Total amount expended.	Balance.	Remarks.
1	2	3	4	5	6
		Rs. a. p.	Rs. a. p.	Rs. a. p.	
1. Akola	39,806	16,888 8 0	12,107 13 5	4,780 10 7	
2. Buldana	16,571	6,522 9 0	4,792 5 9	1,730 3 3	
3. Basim	13,917	6,310 4 0	4,521 6 5	1,788 13 7	
4. Amraoti	35,114	16,800 0 0	10,714 10 5	6,085 5 7	
5. Ellichpur	21,908	10,998 0 0	7,748 3 8	3,249 12 4	
6. Wun	8,386	5,116 12 0	4,451 5 9	665 6 3	
Total ...	135,702	62,636 1 0	44,335 13 5	18,300 3 7	
Small Cause Courts.					
1. Akola	8,803	4,778 0 0	2,156 1 8	2,621 14 4	
2. Khamgaon	7,445	2,464 14 0	2,088 14 11	375 15 1	
3. Amraoti	13,416	6,432 8 0	4,415 2 6	2,017 5 6	
Total ...	29,664	13,675 6 0	8,660 3 1	5,015 2 11	
1. Judicial Commissioner's Court	290	217 9 0	..	217 9 0	
Total ... 1880 ...	165,656	76,529 0 0	52,996 0 6	23,532 15 6	
Total ... 1879 ...	133,101	70,884 10 0	51,123 5 0	19,761 5 0	

JUDICIAL STATEMENT No. XXIX.—(Civil.)—*Statement showing the average detention of Witnesses in the several Districts of the Hyderabad Assigned Districts during the year* 1880.

Districts.	No. of witnesses who attended.	Period of Detention											Total	Number of witnesses examined	Number of witnesses allowed to go unexamined.	Remarks.
		For 1 day.	For 2 days	For 3 days.	For 4 days.	For 5 days.	For 6 days.	For 7 days.	For 8 days.	For 9 days.	For 10 days.	Up to one month.				
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17
1. Akola	7,197	6,061	758	206	99	48	25	...	...	...	...	...	7,197	3,599	3,598	
3. Buldana ...	3,234	3,104	32	10	55	20	9	4	...	...	..	...	3,234	1,105	2,129	
3. Basim	3,647	3,515	111	16	5	...	...	...	...	..	...	...	3,647	3,135	512	
4. Amraoti ..	6,866	6,646	118	57	22	23	...	...	...	...	...	...	6,866	3,449	3,417	
5. Ellichpur ..	4,105	3,913	177	8	7	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	4,105	2,348	1,757	
6. Wun	1,744	1,607	107	26	4	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1,744	1,444	300	
Total ...	26,793	24,846	1,303	323	192	91	34	4	...	...	...	...	26,793	15,080	11,713	
Small Cause Courts																
1. Akola	1,854	1,854	. .	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1,854	442	1,412	
3. Khamgaon ...	1,992	1,989	3	...	...	...	...	...	...	. .	...	...	1,992	1,031	961	
3. Amraoti ...	5,014	4,917	65	28	4	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	5,014	2,110	2,904	
Total ...	8,860	8,760	68	28	4	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	8,860	3,583	5,277	
Grand Total 1880	35,653	33,606	1,371	351	196	91	34	4	...	...	...	...	35,653	18,663	16,990	
Grand Total 1879.	32,223	31,238	708	138	106	28	3	2	...	...	...	...	32,223	20,633	11,590	

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JUDICIAL STATEMENT No. XXX.—(Civil.)—*Statement showing the detail of Original Suits and Appeals remaining undisposed of in the several Districts of the Hyderabad Assigned Districts on the 31st December 1880.*

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26	27	28
Districts	FILED IN 1879 DURING THE MONTH OF												Total No of cases remaining on the files at close of the year.	FILED IN 1880 DURING THE MONTH OF												Total No of cases remaining on the files at close of the year	Remarks.
	January	February	March	April	May	June	July	August	September	October.	November	December.		January.	February	March	April	May	June	July	August.	September.	October.	November	December.		
	ORIGINAL SUITS.																										
1 Akola ...	...	.	...	...	..	.	...	...	..	...	...	...	...	...	..	1	2	...	...	9	11	9	46	56	286	420	
2 Buldana ...	...	..	...	...	..	..	...	...	..	...	...	...	...	...	1	4	1	...	...	6	13	8	28	37	23	121	
3 Basim ...	...	..	...	...	..	..	...	...	..	...	...	...	...	..	..	...	..	...	..	..	4	1	7	22	90	124	
4 Amraoti ...	..	..	...	...	..	.	...	...	..	...	2	.	2	.	.	3	1	...	2	10	6	10	22	104	46	204	
5. Ellichpur ...	4	...	...	...	..	..	...	...	..	1	1	2	8	..	5	9	3	..	...	25	18	13	20	86	84	269	
6 Wun ..	...	...	...	...	..	..	...	...	..	...	...	...	...	..	..	...	..	...	..	...	...	3	3	5	38	49	
Total ...	4	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	..	1	3	2	10	..	6	17	7	...	2	50	52	44	132	310	567	1,187	
Small Court Courts																											
1. Akola ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	..	...	...	...	...	...	...	..	...	...	...	...	..	1	1	2	42	46	
2. Khamgaon ...	...	..	...	...	...	...	...	...	..	...	...	...	...	..	...	...	...	...	...	...	2	...	2	10	86	100	
3. Amraoti ...	..	..	...	...	...	...	..	...	..	...	...	...	...	...	...	..	...	...	...	...	...	..	...	2	171	173	
Total ...	...	...	...	...	...	.	...	..	...	..	...	...	.	...	...	.	...	...	..	..	2	1	3	14	299	319	
Grand Total ...	4	..	...	...	...	..	..	...	1	3	2	10	..	6	17	7	...	2	50	54	45	135	324	866	1,506		
	APPEAL SUITS.																										
1. Akola ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	..	...	..	...	...	...	...	...	...	
2. Buldana ...	...	..	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	..	...	..	...	...	...	...	...	...	
3. Basim ..	..	..	...	...	...	...	...	..	..	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	..	...	..	...	1	...	...	5	6	
4 Amraoti ...	...	.	...	...	...	..	..	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	..	..	3	...	...	..	3	6	10	13	10	45	
5 Ellichpur ...	...	...	...	...	..	..	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	1	1	..	..	2	..	1	2	...	4	12	
6. Wun ...	...	...	...	...	..	.	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	
Total ...	..	...	...	...	..	..	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	..	1	4	...	...	2	3	8	12	13	19	63	
Judicial Commissioner's Court ...	...	..	..	...	...	...	..	..	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	..	1	..	...	...	...	1	6	10	18	37	
Grand Total ...	.	.	...	..	...	...	..	...	.	...	...	...	...	2	...	1	5	...	...	2	3	9	18	23	37	100	

JUDICIAL STATEMENT No. XXXI.—(Civil.)—*Statement showing the average duration of pending cases, and average hearing of pending and disposed of cases in the several Districts of the Hyderabad Assigned Districts during the year* 1880.

Districts.	Average No. of hearings in cases disposed of.	Total No. of cases pending.	Total No. of days in cases pending.	Average No. of days each case is pending.	Remarks.
1	2	3	4	5	6
1. Akola	4·9	420	16,900	40·2	
2. Buldana	2·3	121	8,367	69·1	
3. Basim	3·2	124	3,738	30·1	
4 Amraoti	2·2	206	13,295	64·5	
5. Ellichpur	3·	277	23,387	84·4	
6 Wun	2·4	49	1,657	33·8	
Total ...	3·	1,197	67,344	56 2	
Small Cause Courts.					
1 Akola	1·2	46	715	15·5	
2 Khamgaon	1·5	100	2,603	26·	
3. Amraoti	1·2	173	2,236	12·9	
Total ...	1·3	319	5,554	17 4	
Grand Total... { 1880...	2·1	1,516	72,898	48·1	
Grand Total... { 1879 .	2·	1,596	143,403	89·8	

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JUDICIAL STATEMENT No XXXII.—(Civil.)—*Statement showing the value of Appeal Suits disposed of in the District Appellate Courts of the Hyderabad Assigned Districts during the year* 1880.

Value of Appeal Suits.	Number of Appeal Suits disposed of.							Total value of Appeal Suits.						
	Akola	Buldana	Basim.	Amraoti.	Ellichpur	Wun.	Total.	Akola.	Buldana	Basim.	Amraoti.	Ellichpur.	Wun.	Total.
								Rs. a. p.	Rs. a. p.	Rs. a. p.	Rs. a. p	Rs. a. p.	Rs. a. p	Rs. a. p
Not exceeding Rs. 5	...	...	1	...	1	..	2	...	...	0 2 3	...	1 2 0	...	1 4 3
„ „ 20	5	...	7	5	3	1	21	69 13 0	...	80 6 0	60 11 0	36 6 0	14 0 0	261 4 0
„ „ 100	22	...	27	40	65	18	172	1,122 0 0	...	1,429 12 0	2,401 15 6	3,824 14 2	703 14 4	9,482 8 0
„ „ 500	20	.	3	40	50	2	115	4,938 0 0	...	386 8 0	8,865 2 4	10,968 7 11	541 4 5	25,699 6 8
„ „ 1,000	...	...	...	4	11	...	15	..	...	...	3,075 6 9	7,874 15 8	...	10,950 6 5
„ „ 5,000	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	..	...	...	...	...	...	...
„ „ 10,000	...	...	..	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Appeal Suits of which the money value cannot be fixed ..	5	..	..	14	7	...	26	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Grand Total. 1880 ...	52	...	38	103	137	21	351	6,129 13 0	...	1,896 12 3	14,403 3 7	22,705 13 9	1,259 2 9	46,394 13 4
Grand Total. 1879 ...	90	1	55	70	143	15	374	9,396 12 6	95 0 0	2,820 6 1	12,085 4 1	26,768 1 3	401 4 6	51,566 12 5

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JUDICIAL STATEMENT No. XXXIII.—(Civil.)—*Statement showing the value and costs of Appeals decided in the Appellate Courts of the Hyderabad Assigned Districts during the year* 1880.

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13
Districts.	Number of Appeals disposed of and value.		Cost of litigation.									Average value of appeals disposed of.
			Total costs of Appeals decided.			Average cost in each appeal decided.			Percentage of costs to the value of appeals decided.			
	Appeals.	Value	Necessary.	Voluntary.	Total.	Necessary.	Voluntary.	Total.	Necessary.	Voluntary.	Total.	
		Rs. a. p.	Rs. a. p.	Rs. a. p.	Rs. a. p.	Rs. a. p.	Rs. a. p.	Rs. a. p.	Rs. a. p.	Rs. a. p.	Rs. a. p.	Rs. a. p.
1. Akola ...	52	6,129 13 0	658 8 0	335 1 0	993 9 0	13 7 0	6 13 5	20 4 5	10 11 11	5 7 7	16 3 6	125 1 7
2 Buldana ...	...	...	...	,	...	...	...	...	.		..	...
3. Basim	39	1,996 12 3	256 13 0	78 6 3	335 3 3	6 9 1	2 2 0	8 9 3	13 8 0	4 1 9	17 9 9	49 13 9
4 Ellichpur	138	22,705 13 9	2,274 13 0	1,445 5 0	3,720 2 0	16 7 9	10 7 6	26 15 3	9 12 0	6 3 2	15 15 2	165 11 9
5. Amraoti	103	14,403 3 7	1,544 10 0	608 8 7	2,153 2 7	14 15 11	5 14 6	20 14 5	10 11 6	4 3 7	14 15 1	139 13 4
6. Wun ..	21	1,259 2 9	163 0 0	2 2 0	165 2 0	7 12 2	0 1 7	7 13 9	12 15 1	0 2 8	13 1 9	59 15 4
Total {1880	*353	46,394 13 4	4,897 12 0	2,469 6 10	7,367 2 10	13 14 0	6 15 11	20 13 11	10 8 11	5 5 2	15 14 0	132 8 11
{1879	396	51,566 12 5	5,012 0 0	2,777 11 2	7,789 11 2	13 5 3	7 6 2	20 11 5	9 11 6	5 6 2	15 1 8	137 14 0
Judicial Commissioner's Court.												
Regular appeals	199	1,55,429 0 4	8,336 7 0	7,224 8 10	15,560 15 10	41 14 3	36 4 10	78 3 1	5 5 9	4 10 4	10 0 1	781 0 9
Special appeals ...	50	8,633 13 5	953 1 0	290 1 0	1,243 2 0	19 0 11	5 12 9	24 13 8	11 0 7	3 5 9	14 6 4	172 10 6
Miscellaneous appeals .	19	528 11 0	94 13 0	325 2 0	419 15 0	4 15 1	17 1 9	22 0 10	17 12 10	61 8 10	79 5 8	27 13 2
Total. {1880...	268	1,64,590 8 9	9,384 5 0	7,839 11 10	17,224 0 10	35 0 3	29 3 9	64 4 0	5 11 3	4 12 2	10 7 5	614 2 4
{1879	272	1,43,062 15 3	7,601 13 0	4,006 1 8	11,607 14 8	27 15 2	14 11 7	42 10 9	5 4 11	2 13 9	8 1 8	527 14 6
Grand Total {1880	621	2,10,985 6 1	14,282 1 0	10,309 2 8	24,591 3 8	23 0 0	16 9 7	39 9 7	6 12 3	4 14 2	11 10 5	340 13 7
{1879	648	1,94,629 11 8	12,613 13 0	6,783 12 0	19,397 9 10	19 7 6	10 7 6	29 15 0	6 7 6	3 7 9	9 15 3	286 3 11

* Includes 2 appeals re instituted.

JUDICIAL STATEMENT No. XXXIV.—(Civil).—*Statement of Vakils practising in the several Districts of the Hyderabad Assigned Districts during the year* 1880.

No.	Districts.	No. of Vakils practising.	No of cases in which Vakils were employed.	Amount awarded to Vakils.	No. of Powers of Attorney.	No. of contested cases of those shown in column 4.	Remarks.
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
				Rs. a. p.			
1	Akola ..	37	*6,133	20,406 4 1	7,167	2,031	* Including two Small Cause Courts.
2	Buldana ..	12	1,807	6,921 7 10	2,000	339	
3	Basim ..	5	1,364	5,192 8 1	1,516	478	
4	Amraoti ...	27	†3,758	11,940 9 8	4,349	1,328	† Including Amraoti Small Cause Court.
5	Ellichpur ...	12	2,070	11,844 7 3	2,268	683	
6	Wun ...	3	283	1,391 14 3	802	196	
	Total {1880	(a) 96	15,415	57,697 3 2	18,202	5,055	
	{1879	93	(b) 11,154	53,988 7 7	12,554	3,046	

(*a*) Three Pleaders were newly added to Amraoti District during 1880.

(*b*.) Do not include Small Cause Court cases.

JUDICIAL COMMISSIONER'S OFFICE,
The 30th March 1881.

J. G. BELL,
Judicial Commissioner,
Hyderabad Assigned Districts.

Extract from the Proceedings of the Resident at Hyderabad, in the Judicial Department, No. 472, dated Hyderabad Residency, the 7th July 1881.

READ—

The Annual Judicial Report from the Judicial Commissioner, Hyderabad Assigned Districts, for 1880.

RESOLUTION.

THIS Report, which is due on the 15th March, was not received till the 7th April. The Resident regrets to observe the undue delay which occurred in the submission of the Akola criminal report.

2 The only noticeable change in the strength of the magistracy since the Report of the last year is in the diminution of the number of the Third Class Magistrates, caused by the withdrawal of criminal powers from Naib-Tahsildars and an increased recourse to the services of Special Magistrates.

3. The general review of offences shows a slight decrease in cognizable cases accompanied by a satisfactory diminution in the proportions of cases, struck off, and a consequent increase in the numbers brought to trial. Non-cognizable cases show no variation worthy of remark.

Para. 4 of the Judicial Commissioner's Report.

4. In the table of offences struck off, given in para. 5 of the Report under review, the Resident notices that the proportion generally is large, in his opinion unduly so; while between districts, the difference is greater than can be accounted for by the varying characteristics of population. The fact that in the Buldana District, the percentage of cases struck off was 21·2, while in the Amraoti District it was only 10·6, indicates either difference of procedure, or remarkably divergent standards of credibility, in the two districts. The Buldana figures demand more careful explanation than has been given.

The Judicial Commissioner has, as he observes, pointed out in a separate communication how cases are in Berar registered and afterwards expunged, which in the Punjab would never be brought on the register at all The question whether any change in our present method of registration is called for is still under consideration. Some doubt, however, has recently been thrown on the figures from which the percentages in para. 5 of the Report were deduced; and until the accuracy of these has been ascertained, it is useless to offer any further criticism on a subject which has been noticed in previous reports and has lately been a good deal discussed.

5. The proportion of offences brought to trial out of those admitted to have occurred is very fair; but as regards the table of "Arrests by the police," Sir S. Bayley would be glad if the meaning of the percentages were more clearly explained. There is nothing in the text at present to show whether the table refers to the percentage of cases struck off before arrest, or of arrests to persons implicated, or of arrests to cases.

Para. 7 of the Report.

6. The abstract comparing the offences in each class for the past two years does not seem to call for any remark. The Resident notices with regret the great increase in the number of prosecutions for nuisances, especially in the Akola District. The Judicial Commissioner, in para. 9 of his report, expresses a fear that in these cases more zeal has been shown than discretion. Sir S. Bayley trusts the Judicial Commissioner will take measures to ensure the fulfilment of his hope, "that in future

Para 8 of the Report.

these objects will be attained without harassing the people and giving the police an opportunity of adding to their pay improperly."

7 The Resident is not satisfied with the reference made to the increased number of cases of mischief by fire If the increase of arson in any district is really serious, it is important that the true causes should be traced out, and that it should not be disposed of by a vague conjecture on the part of the Deputy Commissioner, and a sceptical criticism on the part of the Judicial Commissioner. The increase in cattle poisoning, too, is noticed by the Resident with regret. This crime requires most careful watching, as it is generally found to radiate from some centre where there are wealthy hide merchants, who give advances for hides and ask no questions. The action of stopping the appropriation by the Dhers of the horns and hides of the animals is far the most successful way if the people can be persuaded to maintain it.

Para 10 of the Report

8 The table showing fluctuations in serious offences against person and property scarcely calls for any remark, except an expression of satisfaction at the general falling-off in violent offences against property, attributable to an abundant harvest.

Para 12 of the Report

9. The abstract of the results of trials given at page 7 of the Judicial Commissioner's Report shows a large number of persons put on trial in non-cognizable cases If only those persons are entered who appear before the magistrate, and if over 60 per cent of those are acquitted, the deduction *prima facie* would be that there is undue readiness to issue process or insufficient sifting of complaint

10 Sir S Bayley agrees in the remark made by the Judicial Commissioner at the end of page 7, that the percentages of convictions to the number of persons prosecuted, especially under the head of assaults, are anything but satisfactory, and tend to show that in the cognizable offences, Hurt and Intimidation, the police did not act discreetly in sending up the accused; but still more indiscreetly must the magistrates have acted in issuing process in assault cases leading to the discharge of 66 per cent. of those brought up It is clear that more use should be made of Section 147 of the Criminal Procedure Code, empowering magistrates, after examining complainant carefully, to reject petitions, and especially is this desirable in the more trivial and petty class of cases, such as assault In these cases, which are often grossly exaggerated and indeed transformed, a careful cross-examination of, and sifting of the complainant, will frequently show the real nature of the complaint, and will thus render the issue of process unnecessary.

11 The statement showing in greater detail how the work has been distributed calls for remark. Assistant Commissioners and Attachés try 106 criminal cases each in the course of 365 days, while Tahsildars, in addition to their other duties, try 345 cases each. Though the Tahsildars deal generally with a lighter class of cases, yet they are not primarily magistrates and their other duties should be their principal care. It can scarcely be right that each Tahsildar should try three times as many cases as each Assistant Commissioner, and that each Assistant Commissioner should in fact not try more criminal cases than each Deputy Commissioner. In the Resident's opinion these figures indicate faulty organisation or want of control over the distribution of work.

Para 15 of the Report.

The Resident is of opinion that Deputy Commissioners should not ordinarily try criminal cases, they should do so when they are of very special importance or under their special powers, Section 36 of the Criminal Procedure Code, but ordinarily they have more important work to perform.

12 The Resident's thanks are due to the Special Magistrates for the work done by them generally, and specially to the gentlemen named on the margin,* who are brought particularly to his favorable notice by the Judicial Commissioner

* Khawja Badr-du Din, Syed Fateh Ali, Motiji Kadtaji

13. The Judicial Commissioner in the concluding portion of para. 18 of his Report remarks that the general percentage of acquittals and discharges has risen, from 42·1 in 1879 to 43·8 in 1880, that the percentage of acquittals in Akola especially, and in a lesser degree in Buldana, Amraoti, and Ellichpur, is above the general average; that some explanation should have been afforded by the Deputy Commissioner, Akola, as to the cause of 68 per cent. of persons brought before him under Section 36, Criminal Procedure Code, being acquitted or discharged. The Resident, concurring in these remarks, observes that the inference to be drawn *prima facie* from such figures is not that the acquittals were improper, but that insufficient caution was shown in the first instance in issuing process.

14 The result of the working of the Judicial Commissioner's Court in Sessions cases appears to the Resident to be satisfactory, especially in the reduction of the average duration of such cases from 43 days in 1879 to 34 in 1880

15. As regards the table relating to the detention of witnesses, the Resident remarks that taking the province as a whole, the examination of witnesses appears to have been completed with creditable despatch. But it is observed that in Akola and Buldana Districts there have been instances of undue delay, and the explanations furnished are not considered sufficient.

Para 23 of the Report

16 The figures given in para 24 of the Report relating to the disposal of criminal appeals call for no special remark. The Resident, however, notices that the recommendation made in the last year's review of a more frequent recourse to the power of rejecting appeals, has nad little effect. It is remarkable that, whereas the Judicial Commissioner has found himself at liberty to reject summarily 37 per cent of the appeals preferred to him, the Deputy Commissioners have only been able to reject 10 per cent, though when they came to hear the appeals, they have confirmed 40 per cent., against 14 per cent. confirmed by the Judicial Commissioner. The ultimate result is very much the same in both cases, but by judicious rejection in the first instance, there is a saving both of the time of the court and of expense to the appellant. It is certainly singular that in the three districts of Akola, Basim, and Wun, the Deputy Commissioners should not have been able to reject one of the 70 appeals which came before them at first hearing. It is noteworthy, however, that in these three districts, the result of appeals was bad In Akola out of 81 persons appealing, 47 had their sentences modified or reversed, against 33 confirmed In Basim there were 37 appellants, and on only 13 of these was the sentence confirmed, while in 24 it was modified or reversed In Wun the numbers were too insignificant to comment on.

17 As regards the punishments inflicted, it is impossible to comment usefully on a comparison of the preponderance of particular forms of punishments in particular districts as given in figured statements only, unless at the same time an analysis could be made of the prevailing classes of crime and classes of criminals in each; but some explanation is certainly due of the remarkable variations in regard to whipping. This punishment, which was resorted to in the case of 151 out of 1,381 criminals (or 10 9 per cent) in Wun, and 135 out of 1,254 (or 10 8 per cent.) in Buldana, was in the district of Akola only inflicted on 109 out of 4,238 persons, or 2 6 per cent Explanation on this point should be submitted

18. The Resident notices that the vast majority of punishments are very light. Of the total number of persons punished, 70 per cent were punished with fine only, and of these 83 per cent. were fined less than Rs 10, and with this fact before him he cannot look on the figures showing realizations as satisfactory: it is not merely that there are heavy outstanding balances which should be either realized or written off, but the whole realizations of the year are 20 per cent below the current inflictions without reckoning the arrears It is desirable that in imposing fines magisterial officers should have some regard to the probability of realizing them. It is of little use to take credit for high fines and the progressive substitution of fine for imprisonment, if in a considerable proportion of these cases the fines cannot be realized The state of affairs is especially bad in Basim and Ellichpur, the former district shows an increase of over 56 per cent., and the latter of over 60 per cent on the outstanding balances of the previous year

These results require to be explained and remedied, and the Judicial Commissioner should devote special attention to them.

19 The Resident commends to District Officers the remarks of the Judicial Commissioner on procedure, (Part V of the Report,) about the very objectionable practice of referring complaints of non-cognizable crime as a matter of course to the police It is the ready and natural resource of a lazy officer, but should be stringently checked by Deputy Commissioners.

20. The figures at the end of para 31 show a satisfactory amount of inspection of cases both by the Judicial Commissioner and by the Deputy Commissioners

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21. The figures given in para 33 of the Report show that there has been during the year a considerable increase in the number of civil cases instituted, notably in the districts of Akola, Basim, and Amraoti, side by side with a slight falling-off in the districts of Ellichpur and Buldana The Judicial Commissioner attributes the increase, which still leaves the number short of the figures attained in 1876 and 1877, to the return of the country to its normal state after the heavy fall in litigation during the past two years. The decrease in Buldana and Ellichpur is attributed to the uncertainties of the season The increase has mainly shown itself in the Small Cause Courts and Sub-district Courts, that is, in suits of smaller values.

22. The percentage of contested cases is not more than 28·7, which is slightly lower than last year. The variations in the different districts are considerable, and range from 31 per cent of contested cases in Wun and Ellichpur to 18 per cent., the lowest in Buldana. Of the contested cases 80 per cent. were decided in favour of the plaintiff This does not support the commonly received theory, that it is better to be forced into court as defendant than to go in as plaintiff.

Para 34 of the Report

23. The large proportion of decrees on confession (35 per cent.) was made the subject of special report and comment last year; but notwithstanding the remarks made in para. 18 of the Resident's Review, the present Report records without the slightest notice an increased proportion of 37 per cent. in decrees under this head An omission of this kind gives cause for surprise, but as the Resident has nothing to add to the remarks on the subject made in last year's Review, he will do no more than commend them again to the attention of the Judicial Commissioner and the Courts generally.

24 The Judicial Commissioner is unable to offer a satisfactory reason for the fluctuations under the different heads of non-contested suits. He comments on the continued preponderance of this class of cases in the Buldana District, where in 1879 only nine per cent., and this year only 18 per cent, were contested. He justly observes also that the cause of this preponderance should be inquired into and reported on by the Deputy Commissioner.

25. In the Ellichpur District the file of cases pending over four months is heavy, a fact which is insufficiently explained. The files of this district also show the oldest pending case (dating back to January 1879) in the province The files of cases pending in Akola, Amraoti, and Buldana, are also noticeably heavy

Para 38 of the Report

26 With reference to para. 39 of the Report, it may be remarked that the average duration of contested cases over the whole province has greatly improved It has fallen from 72 to 58 days But the averages in the Akola and Buldana Districts of 83 and 89 days respectively, and in Ellichpur of 75 days, are so far above the average of the province as a whole as to require notice. The explanations rendered seem to show that, taken by themselves, the averages in any one year (which may be affected by unavoidable delays in one or two cases) afford

no certain test of the speed and regularity with which the courts work The work of each Court must be inspected on its own merits. At the same time sustained and constant prominence in the length of time taken to decide cases in any one Court is certainly a *prima facie* indication of neglect or irregularity which calls for special strictness in the examination of the work of that Court.

Para. 42 of the Report

27. The scheme submitted by the Judicial Commissioner for a complete separation between the judicial and executive branches of the Administration has recently been laid before the Resident. It was not supported by the Commissioner. There appeared to be good grounds for not adopting such a scheme till at all events the experiment of an improved system of distributing work had been tried. This matter is now under discussion. It is therefore unnecessary now to make further comments on the subject.

28 As regards the classification of suits, it appears that the great bulk of the suits instituted during the year (85 per cent. of the whole) were for money due. Of these there were 17,760, out of which no less than 11,032 were on bonds and 2,722 on unwritten obligation. The Judicial Commissioner rightly observes that the proportion which suits on bonds bear to other classes of suits is a satisfactory feature in the litigation of Berar.

Para 45 of the Report

29. There were only 1,035 suits for immoveable property, of which 857 were for survey numbers. Most of these suits were between parties claiming as proprietors. The number of suits between proprietors and sub-tenants amounted altogether to 141 only.

These figures certainly indicate a security of tenure and an absence of conflicting interests in the land, which are exceedingly satisfactory, and speak highly for the land system which has been introduced into the province.

30. While the number of suits has increased by 13·4 per cent. the aggregate value has only increased by 9 2 per cent., or from Rs. 19,13,366 in 1879 to Rs. 20,95,970 in 1880. It is satisfactory to notice that the average cost of suits has decreased from Rs. 15-3-2 to Rs 14-5-9. Out of 20,707 suits disposed of in 1880, 16,019 were for values not exceeding Rs. 100. Only 143 suits were brought for sums exceeding Rs. 1,000, and of these only three were for sums exceeding Rs. 10,000.

Para 49 of the Report

31. There has been some improvement in the percentage of civil cases disposed of by Assistant Commissioners; and a decrease in the proportion disposed of by Attachés. The percentage of cases disposed of by Tahsildars remains the same as last year. Half the civil suits of the province (excluding cases tried in Small Cause Courts) were very properly disposed of by the Extra Assistant Commissioners. But, as in the statement of criminal work, the figures seem to Sir S. Bayley to show that more civil work is thrown on the Tahsildars and less on the Assistant Commissioners and Attachés than is right. While each Tahsildar, for example, has on an average disposed of 418 cases, each Assistant Commissioner has disposed of only 183 cases. The figures, as above remarked, point to the necessity rather for an improved system of distribution of work than for a separate judicial service.

32. The Judicial Commissioner's remarks with regard to the execution of decrees show that the figures are (necessarily, perhaps) to a certain extent misleading. There must always be a certain proportion of cases in which on application being made for execution the parties come to terms, and the decree-holder receives satisfaction without having actually executed the decree. These cases ought to be, but are not, certified to the Court; and as the decree-holder abstains from pointing out the property or person of a judgment-debtor, the application is "struck off without execution." The figures, if unexplained, would give a worse idea of the helplessness of the Courts to enforce their decrees than is warranted by facts.

33. It is noticeable that in only three cases was land paying revenue to Government actually sold in execution of decrees, though in over 15 cases per cent it was temporarily alienated. The Judicial Commissioner bases on these figures the somewhat sweeping assertion that "land in Berar can no longer be considered a security on which to raise money." The question here involved is one which it may be worth while to raise and discuss on its own merits. But an annual report on the administration of justice is not the best place for such a discussion.

Para. 55.

34 The statements of income and expenditure of court and process fees are satisfactory, showing a surplus from the latter of Rs 23,532-15-6.

35. It is to be regretted that the figures regarding the detention of witnesses are not trustworthy. The matter is one which deserves serious attention at the hands of the Judicial Commissioner and the Courts subordinate to him.

36. The Resident notices that in the Small Cause Courts there has been an increase of litigation, amounting to over 20 per cent, 5,046 cases having been instituted in 1880, as against 4,189 in the previous year. The Khamgaon Court was not continuously open throughout the year.

Para. 59

37. Of the 4,955 cases disposed of, 33·2 per cent. were decreed on confession; 11·4 per cent. were decreed *ex parte*; only 31·5 per cent. were contested, and in 87 per cent. of these the plaintiff was successful.

Para. 60.

38. The average duration of these cases, namely 24 9 days, shows a slight increase on that of the previous year, but it is not noticeably high. In these Courts also the majority of cases were for bond debts; and this class of cases shows a more decided tendency to increase than any other. If this means that parties more habitually commit their agreements to writing, it is certainly a satisfactory sign.

Para 61.

39. The variations in the number of applications for execution, and in the manner in which the decrees were executed against person or property, are not of sufficient importance to call for any remark.

Para. 70

40. The working of the Small Cause Courts, showing a total profit of Rs. 8,595, is satisfactory. The Khamgaon Court, however, shows an expenditure exceeding its receipts.

Para 76

41. There were 416 appeals for disposal by Deputy Commissioners. This number is less by 31 than the figures in 1879. The results of the appeals were that 53·7 per cent. of the decisions of the Lower Courts were confirmed, 30 3 per cent. modified or reversed, while 12·5 per cent. were remanded. The Judicial Commissioner remarks unfavourably on the disposal of appeals in the Court of the Deputy Commissioner of Akola, especially in reference to frequency of remands and inattention to the Procedure Code.

Paras 74 and 75.

The Judicial Commissioner disposed of 268 appeals out of 305 preferred to him. He modified 8 and reversed 17 decisions, and remanded 12 cases for further investigation. The average duration of the hearing of each appeal was 63 days. The average cost Rs. 64-4.

42. No remarks are necessary here on the subject of the conduct and status of pleaders. Sir. R Meade has submitted to Government a set of rules for regulating their admission and employment, and until orders are received, no action can be taken.

Para 83.

43. On the whole, the number of cases called for and inspected by Deputy Commissioners is sufficient, but both in Akola and Amraoti this duty has been rather neglected.

Para. 85.

44 The officers commended by the Judicial Commissioner in para. 86 of the Report for their good work are entitled to approbation.

The thanks of the Resident are due to Colonel Bell for the Report which he has furnished, and for the care with which he has supervised the judicial work of the province during the year under review.

(By order,)

G. H. TREVOR,

Secretary for Berar.